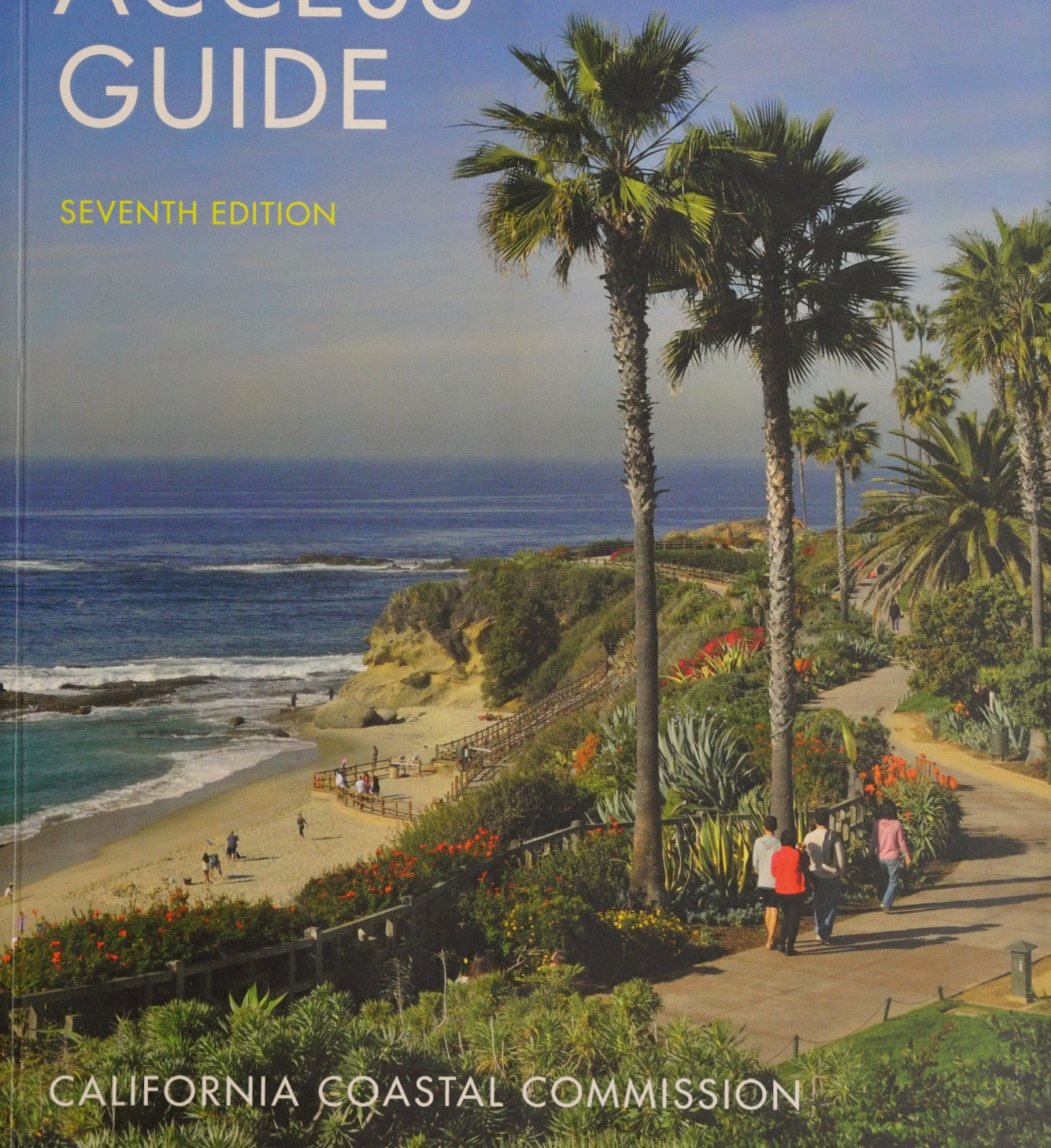


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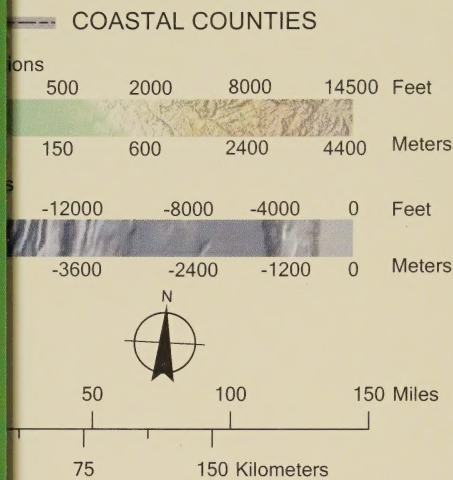
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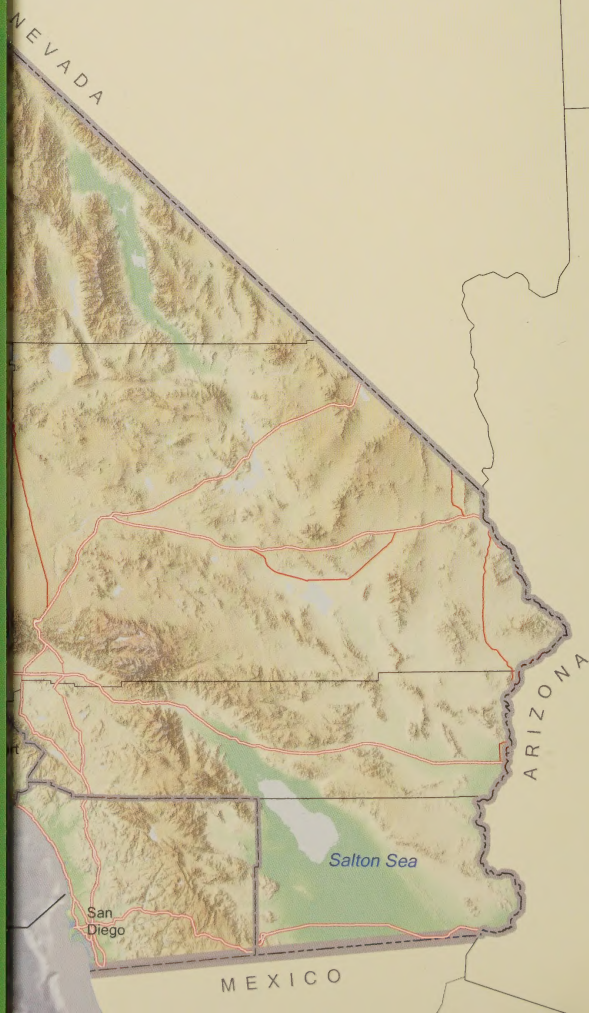
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0 500 2000 8000 14500 Feet

0 150 600 2400 4400 Meters

Depths
-16000 -12000 -8000 -4000 0 Feet

-4800 -3600 -2400 -1200 0 Meters



0 50 100 150 Miles

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INTRODUCTION

THE *California Coastal Access Guide* appeared in 1981. The first edition described 721 beaches, paths, and accessways along the state's 1,271-mile-long coast. Preparation of the guide was carried out by the California Coastal Commission in response to the Legislature's direction to inventory and map all of the state's public coastal accessways.

This seventh edition of the *California Coastal Access Guide* has been revised, reformatted, and updated. Included here are descriptions of more than 1,150 points at which the public can gain access to the coast of California. Along with beaches and access paths are interpretive centers, boating facilities, nature preserves, maritime museums, and other coast-related facilities that serve visitors.

Continuing their work to increase opportunities for legal, safe access to the shoreline are the California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, State Parks Department, local governments, and nonprofit land trusts. Each has a role to play in expanding opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy and learn about California's magnificent

coast. This book is offered with the knowledge that a wide appreciation for the coast among Californians plays an important role in the protection of coastal resources.

More than a quarter of the California coastline, some 295 miles of shore, is encompassed within the state park system. Parks managed by federal, county, and city entities include many more miles of coast. The state of California owns all tidelands, submerged lands, and the beds of inland navigable waters, holding them for "public trust" uses that include fishing, navigation, commerce, nature preserves, swimming, boating, and walking. Tidelands consist of the area on a beach or rocky coastline that is between the mean high tide line and the mean low tide line. The California Constitution guarantees the public's right of access to tidelands. The state of California (or other managing agency), however, may place restrictions on the time, place, and manner of use of tidelands.

Private property exists along the California coast in many locations, inland of the tidelands. The public generally does not have a right to cross private property without



Pacific Manor Beach, Pacifica, San Mateo County

permission to get to tidelands, although easements and deed restrictions allow public use of some private shoreline properties. When using tidelands, members of the public should exercise caution when there is a potential for encroaching on private land. Land owners similarly should be cautious in questioning the public's right to be on areas of the beach covered by public rights.

This guide describes selected activities that might enhance a visit to the coast, with emphasis on active pursuits, learning opportunities, and perhaps unexpected activities. Introductory pages in each county chapter describe additional activities that are well suited to that locale. Separating the chapters are feature articles that provide additional suggestions of things to do. Coastal access sites mentioned in the county introductions and in feature articles are marked in boldface type; consult the index to find more information on each site. Use the index also to search for lighthouses, boat launches, fishing piers, and sites for other activities.

Campgrounds and hostels that provide lower-cost overnight accommodations are listed here; plenty of other guides are available that list other lodging opportunities. For more information about the resources of the state's magnificent coast, including

Keep in Mind

Additional information on public rights on certain beaches is available on the Access Program pages of the California Coastal Commission's website at www.coastal.ca.gov.

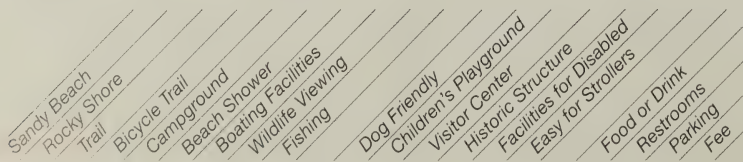
its wildlife and flora, geology, and historic communities, see the Coastal Commission's companion series of four guidebooks, entitled *Experience the California Coast*.

Enjoy your visits to California's spectacular coast. Keep safe along hazardous stretches of shoreline by observing posted restrictions. Remember that sleeper waves are always possible; do not turn your back on the ocean. When possible, swim near a lifeguard. Lifeguards patrol many parts of the coast year-round, although lifeguard towers on the sand (mostly in central and southern California) are generally staffed daily only during the summer. Natural conditions along the California coast are always changing, and the width of beaches and shape of bluffs can be altered by the seasonal movement of sand or by erosion. Further, coastal access facilities may be out of service or closed due to budget constraints. When planning any trip to the coast, check ahead of time to make sure that your destination is currently accessible.

Using This Guide

Coastal access points are listed from north to south. Each group of sites is accompanied by a map and a chart of key characteristics and amenities. The "Facilities for Disabled" chart category includes wheelchair-accessible restrooms, trails, campsites, or visitor centers; text descriptions note where restrooms are not wheelchair accessible. Use of some facilities may require assistance. The "Easy for Strollers" category indicates sites that are readily negotiated by visitors pushing

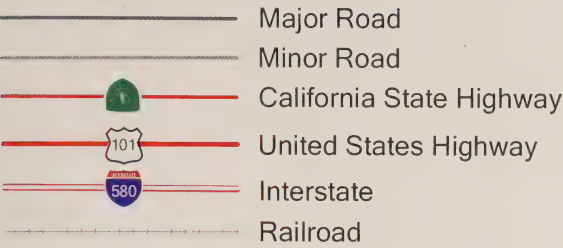
strollers, those who walk with a cane, or others with limited mobility. The "Fee" category refers to a charge for entry, parking, or camping. "Dog friendly" sites are noted. Unless otherwise indicated, dogs must be leashed. Watch for posted restrictions, which may change. Most parks and recreational facilities maintain websites, but URL addresses change often; use any popular Internet search engine to look for more information about facilities in this guide.



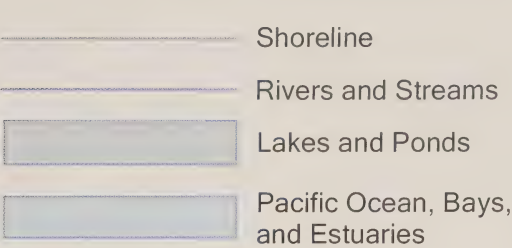
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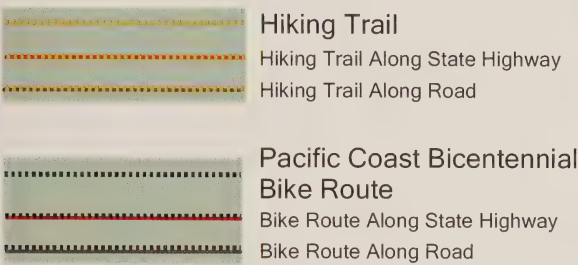
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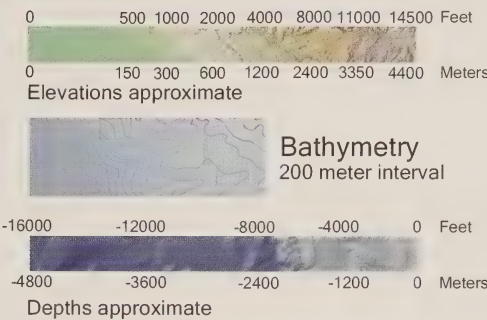
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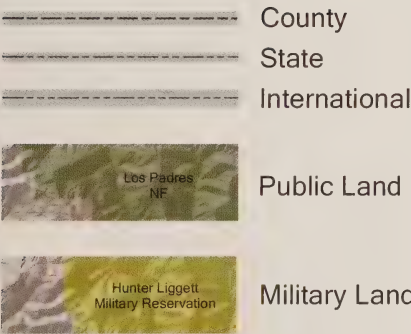
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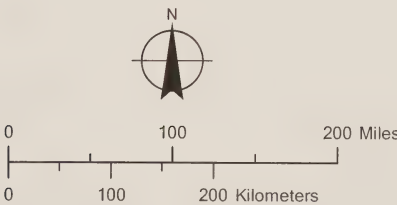
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NORTH ARROW AND BAR SCALE



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

Marine Protected Areas along the California coast have been designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. For maps and information about fishing restrictions, see: www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/mpa or call: 831-649-2870.

DATA AND INFORMATION SOURCES

California Coastal Commission
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Spatial Information Library
U.S. Geological Survey

Protected open space data is from the California Protected Area Database (CPAD) provided by GreenInfo Network, 2013.





Smith River County Park in northern Del Norte County

DEL NORTE COUNTY

DEL NORTE COUNTY features 42 miles of ocean coastline, with broad sandy beaches, dunes, lakes, forest, and mountains. California's largest rivers, after the Sacramento-San Joaquin system, reach the sea in Del Norte County.

Experience a wild and scenic river

The **Smith River** has never been dammed. It flows unimpeded from the mountains of the Coast Range through forests and across a broad coastal plain to the sea in northern Del Norte County. The clean waters and absence of dams has made the Smith River a significant fishing stream. The state's record steelhead, weighing 27 pounds 4 ounces, was caught in the Smith River. King salmon also inhabit the river, and coastal cutthroat trout are taken during the summer. Kayaking on the Smith River is a popular activity.

The **Klamath River**, somewhat larger than the Smith, is also a popular recreational resource. Fishing guide services are available at the town of Klamath, along with jet boat tours and river rafting excursions. The power of the Klamath was demonstrated by the

disastrous flood of December 1964, which swept away the old townsite of **Klamath**, as well as the 1926 Douglas Memorial Bridge on Hwy. 101. Only the southern terminus of the bridge, on Klamath Beach Dr., remains. It serves as a lookout point, flanked by statues of two golden bears. Following the great flood, the "new town" of Klamath was established on higher ground east of Hwy. 101 and today is a small residential community and fishing resort, as well as home of the Yurok Tribe headquarters. The Yurok reservation extends 43 miles upstream from the river mouth, one mile on each side, although not all lands are under tribal control.

Go beachcombing

Del Norte County boasts miles of unspoiled beaches. **Pelican State Beach** and **Tolowa Dunes State Park** are wide, seemingly endless, and enhanced with driftwood and views of offshore rocks. South of Crescent City, much of the coast is steep, rugged, and forested. Remote cove beaches in **Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park** and **Redwood National Park** are reachable by trail only.

Camp in the forest

Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park offers family camping in a campground with amenities as well as more primitive sites for hike-in, bike-in, or equestrian use. Although camping in a redwood grove is available at a number of northern California sites, Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park has an additional plus, the crystal clear Smith River. A lovely sand and cobble river beach is a stone's throw from the state park campground. In and around Crescent City and at Klamath are numerous campgrounds and RV parks.

Visit a lighthouse

Del Norte County is home to two of California's most dramatic lighthouses, both sited offshore. **Crescent Lighthouse at Battery Point** is relatively easy to get to, nevertheless. Tide permitting, the island can be reached by a short walk across the rocky beach and causeway. Built in 1856, the lighthouse is one of California's earliest.

On a clear day, **St. George Reef Lighthouse** is visible offshore, some seven miles from Crescent City and four miles from the

mainland. A visit to the St. George Reef Lighthouse, which has not been in service since 1975, is a more challenging adventure. A tour by helicopter is required; call: 707-464-7846. On St. George Reef, the lighthouse is perched on a rock barely larger than the light station itself. Its construction in its remote, wave-swept location required a tremendous effort following the wreck of the *Brother Jonathan* in 1865. In California's worst maritime disaster, the *Brother Jonathan* struck uncharted rocks west of Crescent City and went down with the loss of 225 lives. Nineteen people reached shore in one of the lifeboats. In 1993 the sunken ship was found, and items from the ship were recovered; some may be seen at the **Del Norte County Historical Society Museum** at 577 H St. in Crescent City.

Other attractions

The Del Norte County Historical Society Museum has a splendid collection of Tolowa and Yurok Native American baskets along with other artifacts. Also on display is the first-order Fresnel lens that was once installed at the St. George Reef Lighthouse, as well as photographs



Crescent Lighthouse at Battery Point, offshore Crescent City



Smith River near campground in Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park

from the aftermath of the 1964 tsunami that devastated Crescent City. Open 10 AM–4 PM, Mon.–Sat. from May to Sept. and fewer days during the winter; call: 707-464-3922.

Sixteen miles south of Crescent City along Hwy. 101 is a long-time roadside attraction, *Trees of Mystery*. The site is marked by a giant statue of Paul Bunyan with Babe the Blue Ox. Activities include gondola rides through the redwood forest canopy; call: 1-800-638-3389. Zipline rides through the redwood forest are available at a number of other locations in the county.

The annual Crescent City Triathlon includes a swim at **Fred Endert Pool**, a bike ride along the city's shoreline, and a run around **Beach Front Park**, with adult and kids' divisions; see: www.crescentcitytriathlon.com. **Ocean World Aquarium**, 304 S. Hwy. 101 in Crescent City, includes displays of undersea creatures, a touch tank, sea lion performances, and an opportunity to pet a live shark; call: 707-464-4900.

The community of Smith River is home to the **Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery**, which is open to visitors on weekdays, 9 AM–4 PM; for a current schedule of spawning activities, call: 707-487-3443. Smith River is also the center of Easter lily agriculture. Nearly all the nation's Easter lily bulbs, grown for forced bloom in spring, are raised here. The bulbs bloom naturally in summer, and the town has an annual Easter in July festival. For information on area attractions, visit the **Crescent City-Del Norte Chamber of Commerce** at Front and K streets in Crescent City, open daily, 9 AM–5 PM (weekdays only during winter), or call: 707-464-3174.



Clifford Kamph Memorial Park



Del Norte County
Northern Del Norte County

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pelican State Beach	•							•								•		
Clifford Kamph Memorial Park	•			•				•	•							•	•	•
Smith River County Park		•					•	•								•		
Smith River Boating Access						•	•	•								•		
Kellogg Beach	•							•								•		
Lake Earl Wildlife Area / Tolowa Dunes State Park	•	•	•	•		•	•	•								•		
Point St. George Heritage Area	•	•	•				•	•								•		

PELICAN STATE BEACH: *W. of Hwy. 101, .5 mi. S. of the Oregon border.* Wide beach with abundant driftwood. From Hwy. 101, turn west on White Rock Loop; park on gravel road shoulder.

- Beachcombing
- Surf fishing

CLIFFORD KAMPH MEMORIAL PARK: *W. of Hwy. 101, 2 mi. S. of the Oregon border.* On a bluff overlooking the beach are a dozen campsites for tents only. Running water, picnic tables, barbecue grills, camp host. No fee for day use. Call: 707-464-7230.

SMITH RIVER COUNTY PARK: *End, Mouth of Smith River Rd., Smith River.* Stairs to a sand and pebble beach; on-street parking. The clear waters of the Smith River support many fish species, including coho and king salmon and steelhead trout.

- Expansive views upstream and out to sea

SMITH RIVER BOATING ACCESS: *Fred Haight Dr. W. of Hwy. 101, 3 mi. S. of town of Smith River.* Paved boat ramp, located between private residences, offers access to the lower reach of the Smith River.

KELLOGG BEACH: *W. end of Kellogg Rd., 9 mi. S. of Smith River.* A broad sandy ocean beach backed by grass-covered dunes. Street-legal vehicles allowed north of Kellogg Rd., on waveslope only; no vehicles allowed in dunes.

LAKE EARL WILDLIFE AREA / TOLOWA DUNES STATE PARK: *W. of Lake Earl Dr. and Lower Lake Rd., 2 mi. N. of Crescent City.* The wildlife area/state park complex includes over 10,000 acres. The Department of Fish and Wildlife center at 2591 Old Mill Rd., off Northcrest Dr., has trail maps and posted information. For Lake Earl Wildlife Area information, call:

707-445-6493. For information on Tolowa Dunes State Park, call Redwood National and State Parks visitor center: 707-465-7306. Leashed dogs are allowed on Cadra Point Loop Rd. only.

■ Cadra Loop Trail, four miles long, starts at the Fish and Wildlife center and overlooks Lake Earl

■ Trails to ocean beach start at end of Sand Hill Rd., off Old Mill Road

■ Access to Lake Earl west of Teal Point via Kellogg Road

■ Launch site for shallow-draft boats at the end of Lakeview Dr., off Lake Earl Drive

■ Redwood Parks Association leads summertime field trips and guided hikes; call: 707-465-6191

POINT ST. GEORGE HERITAGE AREA: *End of Radio Road.* At the end of Radio Rd., which is the northerly extension of Pebble Beach Dr., a gravel trail leads north one-quarter mile to the shoreline. Low tide exposes a rocky reef. Other short paths lead from Radio Rd. across the bluff to the shore. Sensitive archaeological area; be respectful of the resources. For information, call Del Norte County Parks and Recreation: 707-464-7230.



Lake Earl Wildlife Area



Smith River



Del Norte County

Smith River Area

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Florence Keller County Park			•		•					•			•	•			•	•	•
Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park			•		•				•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Smith River National Recreation Area			•	•	•				•	•							•	•	•

RUBY VAN DEVENTER COUNTY PARK: *North Bank Rd. (Hwy. 197), 2.5 mi. E. of Hwy. 101.* Campground with 18 sites set in a redwood forest next to the Smith River. Restrooms and running water; fee for camping. Call: 707-464-7230.

- Swimming
- Kayaking
- Fishing

FLORENCE KELLER COUNTY PARK: *Cunningham Ln., off Elk Valley Cross Rd. W. of Hwy. 101, 3 mi. N. of Crescent City.* Campground has 50 campsites and accommodates tents and RVs up to 32 feet; running water available. Group picnic sites also available. Easy walking trails, one wheelchair accessible. Call: 707-464-7230.

JEDEDIAH SMITH REDWOODS STATE PARK: *Hwy. 199, 5 mi. E. of Hwy. 101.* The park encompasses some 10,000 acres, with six miles of Smith River frontage. In summer, daytime temperatures are often considerably warmer than at the nearby coast.

Redwood National and State Parks visitor center is opposite the campground entrance on Hwy. 199. A smaller visitor center is within the campground. Picnic areas overlook the river and a pebbly beach. Some park facilities are wheelchair accessible, including picnic areas, some campsites, the visitor center, and campfire center. Leashed dogs OK in the campground and picnic area. For park information, call: 707-465-7335.

Campground has 89 sites; hot showers available. Some campsites can accommodate trailers

or RVs up to 36 feet; no hookups. To reserve campsites, call: 1-800-444-7275. Primitive campsites for hike-in, bike-in, or equestrian use are outside park boundaries along Little Bald Hills Trail.

- Hiking
- Self-guided nature trail starts near the campground
- Stout Grove, with old-growth redwood trees up to 340 feet in height, located one-half mile by trail from gravel Howland Hill Road

SMITH RIVER NATIONAL RECREATION AREA: *Hwy. 199, 14 mi. E. of Hwy. 101.* Adjoining Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park on the east is Smith River National Recreation Area with river frontage and over 65 miles

of trails. Fee for camping. Dogs must be leashed within developed recreation areas. For the visitor center and ranger station, call: 707-457-3131.

- River rafting
- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Myrtle Creek Trail starts at Hwy. 199 one mile east of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park boundary
- Campgrounds at Big Flat, Grassy Flat, Panther Flat, and Patrick Creek; for reservable sites, call: 877-444-6777



Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park



View from Brother Jonathan Vista Point



Del Norte County

Crescent City

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Pebble Beach Access	•	•	•	•					•	•								•	
Preston Island		•							•	•								•	
Brother Jonathan Park/Vista Point		•		•					•			•	•				•	•	
Accessways at ends of 3rd, 5th, and 6th streets		•							•	•								•	
Path at Oceanfront Lodge		•	•						•									•	



View from Brother Jonathan Vista Point

GARTH'S BEACH: *Radio Rd., .3 mi. N.W. of Washington Blvd. / Pebble Beach Dr. intersection.* A sloping path leads from road-side parking to a curving sandy beach. Additional parking pull-outs with beach access located south of Washington Boulevard. Beach is sheltered by Point St. George and Castle Rock.

- Rocky shore at north end

PEBBLE BEACH ACCESS: *Pebble Beach Dr. near Pacific Ave., Crescent City.* Along Pebble Beach Dr. are several pull-outs with picnic tables and stairways to the beach. The Crescent City Coastal Trail runs along the shoreline, from Point St. George to Crescent City Harbor. Castle Rock, located due west, is a national wildlife refuge and the second largest seabird colony off the California coast.

PRESTON ISLAND: *Pebble Beach Dr. and Condor St., Crescent City.* More of a rocky spit than an island; accessible via a paved road down the bluff face.

- Beachcombing
- Tidepool exploring
- Fishing

BROTHER JONATHAN PARK / VISTA POINT: *Pebble Beach Dr. and 9th St., Crescent City.* Grassy park inland of Pebble Beach Dr. includes a playground and baseball and basketball facilities, as well as a memorial to those lost at sea in the 1865 shipwreck of the steamer *Brother Jonathan*. On the seaward side of Pebble Beach Dr. is a vista point with picnic tables and bench.

- Del Norte County Historical Society Museum at 577 H St. in Crescent City displays

items recovered from the wreck of the *Brother Jonathan*

ACCESSWAYS AT THE ENDS OF 3RD, 5TH, AND 6TH STREETS: *W. ends of 3rd, 5th, and 6th streets, Crescent City.* Rocky beach can be reached by paths or stairways. There is parking at 3rd and 5th streets; no facilities.

PATH AT OCEANFRONT LODGE: *Front and A streets, Crescent City.* A short public path leads around the seaward side of the hotel to a narrow driftwood-strewn beach.

- Fine views of offshore rocks
- Excellent spot for taking sunset photos of Crescent Lighthouse at Battery Point



Crescent City Harbor, south side



Del Norte County

Crescent City Harbor

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Crescent Lighthouse at Battery Point		•							•		•	•					•	•	•
North Coast Marine Mammal Center									•								•	•	
B Street Pier									•	•			•	•			•	•	
Beach Front Park	•		•	•						•	•		•	•			•	•	
Redwood National & State Parks Information Center											•		•	•			•	•	
Crescent City Coastal Trail			•	•	•								•	•			•	•	
Crescent City Harbor		•	•	•			•	•	•								•	•	•

CRESCENT LIGHTHOUSE AT BATTERY POINT: *S. end of A St., Crescent City.* The lighthouse is perched about 200 yards from shore and can be reached on foot only via a causeway at low tide. Open at 10 AM, tide permitting, daily from April–September and weekends from October–March; for specific tour hours, call: 707-464-3089. On a clear day, St. George Reef Lighthouse is visible some seven miles offshore. Picnic tables and restrooms at Battery Point Vista Area at foot of A Street.

NORTH COAST MARINE MAMMAL CENTER:

424 Howe Dr., Beach Front Park, Crescent City. Rescue and rehabilitation service for injured, orphaned, or sick marine mammals; gift shop. Call: 707-465-6265.

- When present for rehabilitation, harbor seals or sea lions may be viewed

B STREET PIER: *Foot of B Street.* Public fishing pier is 900 feet long. Parking and restrooms at the foot of A Street.

BEACH FRONT PARK: *Between Front St. and Howe Dr., Crescent City.* Sports fields, picnic areas, and huge lawns. Along Howe Dr. is a linear park along a sandy beach, incorporating the Crescent City Coastal Trail.

- Fred Endert indoor swimming pool with water slide at 1000 Play St.; fee charged
- Huge Kid Town play structure on Play Street

REDWOOD NATIONAL & STATE PARKS INFORMATION CENTER: 1111 2nd St., Crescent City. Maps, guidebooks, and information about Redwood National Park and area state parks. Open daily, 9 AM–5 PM, with shorter hours during winter; closed major holidays. Call: 707-465-7306.

CRESCENT CITY COASTAL TRAIL: *Shoreline from Point St. George to Crescent City Harbor, Crescent City.* Six-mile-long multi-use path extends the length of Crescent City. Good place to start is at parking area on Sunset Circle next to the Shoreline Campground entrance.

- Shoreline Campground has 189 RV/trailer campsites with hookups and also tent sites; call: 707-464-2473
- Elk Creek Nature Trail starts nearby, inland of Hwy. 101 at east end of 2nd Street

CRESCENT CITY HARBOR: *W. of Hwy. 101 and Citizens Dock Rd., Crescent City.* Both a working and a recreational harbor, Crescent City Harbor includes fishing facilities, marine services, boat repair services, boat hoist, fuel dock, ice, and a Coast Guard station. Fee applies for some services. Harbor District office is on Citizens Dock Rd.; call: 707-464-6174.

Off Anchor Way are a public two-lane boat ramp and access to Whaler Island, with panoramic views. A variety of visitor attractions are at the harbor.

- South Beach Outfitters has surfboards, kites, and rentals
- Charter boat fishing for salmon and rock cod on the *Tally Ho II*; call: 707-464-1236
- Bayside RV Park (707-464-9482) and Harbor RV Anchorage (707-464-1724) are within the harbor



Beach Front Park, Kid Town



Lagoon Creek



Del Norte County

Crescent Beach to Lagoon Creek

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Crescent Beach	•								•	•								•	
Crescent Beach Picnic Area	•		•						•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
Nickel Creek Campground			•	•												•	•		
Enderts Beach	•	•	•						•									•	
Mill Creek Campground			•	•	•				•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park	•	•	•		•				•	•							•	•	•
Wilson Creek Beach	•	•	•						•	•						•	•		
Lagoon Creek			•						•				•	•		•	•		

CRESCENT BEACH: *W. of Hwy. 101, 1 mi. S. of Crescent City.* Very long, flat sandy beach. The end closest to Crescent City Harbor is a well-known surf break. Road-side parking.

CRESCENT BEACH PICNIC AREA: *Enderts Beach Rd., .5 mi. S. of Hwy. 101.* Picnic tables and barbecue pits set in a grassy area. Another picnic area is at the Crescent Beach Overlook at the south end of Enderts Beach Road.

- Crescent Beach Picnic Area and Crescent Beach Overlook are linked by a two-mile trail
- Last Chance Trail, part of the Coastal Trail, continues south from Crescent Beach Overlook

NICKEL CREEK CAMPGROUND: *.5 mi. S. of end of Enderts Beach Road.* Five primitive campsites overlook Enderts Beach; picnic tables, barbecue grills, and bear lockers. Stream water must be purified for drinking. Call: 707-465-7335.

ENDERTS BEACH: *.5 mi. S. of end of Enderts Beach Rd., S. of Crescent City.* Beach accessible via a somewhat steep trail from the end of Enderts Beach Road. Restrooms are at Nickel Creek Campground. Call: 707-465-7335.

MILL CREEK CAMPGROUND: *2.5 mi. E. of Hwy. 101, 7 mi. S. of Crescent City.* There are 143 summer-only campsites. Hot showers. Trailers limited to 27 feet and RVs limited to 31 feet; RV dump station available. No hookups. Part of Del



Wilson Creek Beach tidepools

Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. For campground information, call: 707-465-7335; for reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- Campfire center
- Junior ranger programs
- Guided walks
- Hike or bike campsites (no reservations)

DEL NORTE COAST REDWOODS STATE PARK: *E. and W. of Hwy. 101, 7 mi. S. of Crescent City.* One of California's largest state parks, with eight miles of wild shoreline, much of it accessible only by trails, and 25,000 acres in the Mill Creek watershed. Atypical of California's coastal forest, the redwood trees here grow virtually down to the sea's edge. Call: 707-465-7335.

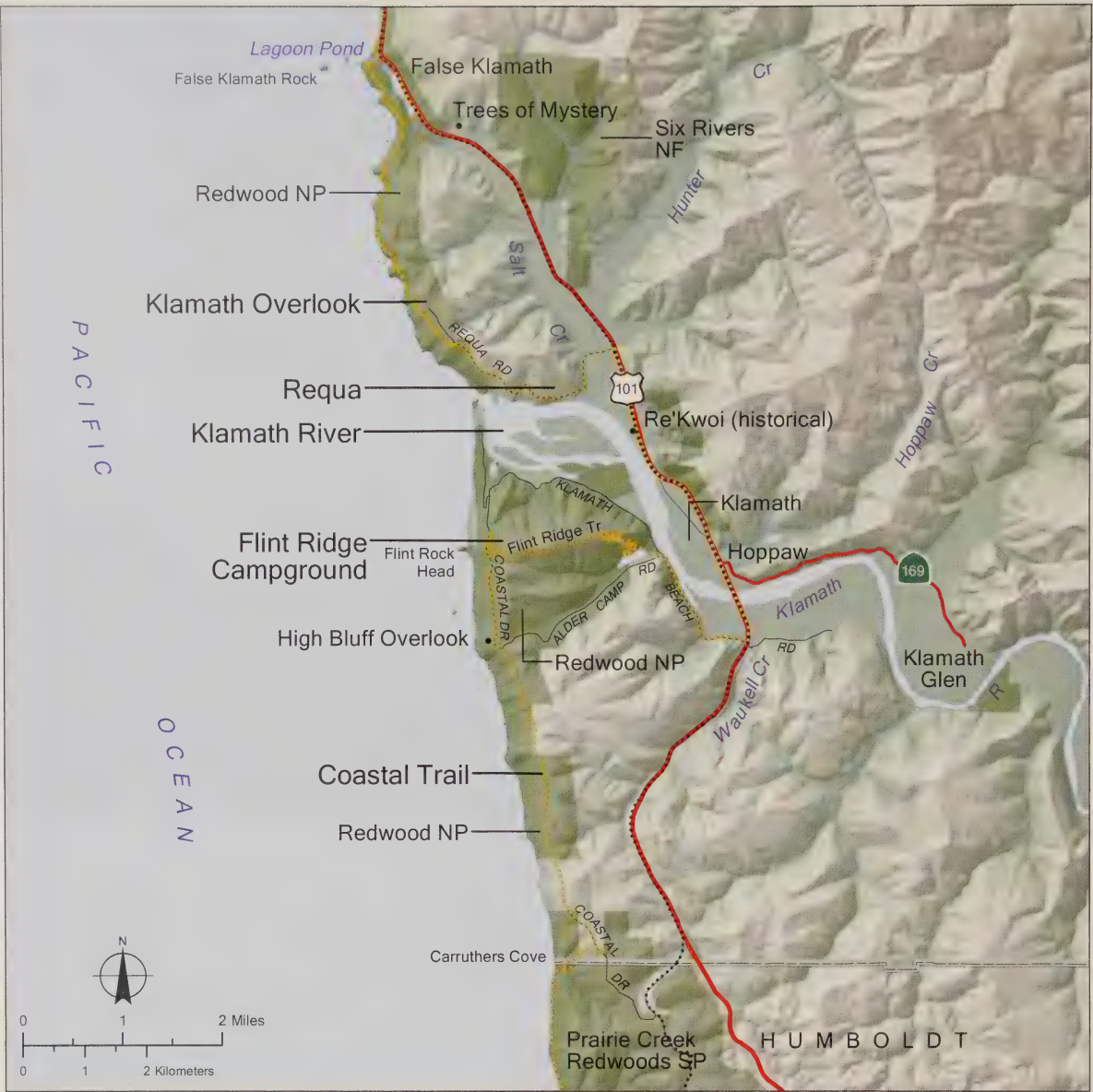
- Damnation Creek Trail starts on west side of Hwy. 101 at mile marker 16 and takes a challenging course through old-growth redwoods

- Mill Creek day use area, east side of Hwy. 101, two miles south of Crescent City

WILSON CREEK BEACH: *W. of Hwy. 101, 5.5 mi. N. of Klamath.* Entrance to the parking area is off Hwy. 101, 50 yards south of Wilson Creek Bridge. On the beach are tidepools and abundant driftwood. At the south end of the beach the Yurok Loop Trail leads south to Lagoon Creek. Across Hwy. 101 from Wilson Creek Beach, the old Redwood National Park Hostel is closed, but a trail leads inland three miles to the DeMartin campsites; obtain required backcountry camping permit from any Redwood National Park visitor center.

LAGOON CREEK: *W. of Hwy. 101, 5 mi. N. of Klamath.* Freshwater lagoon, with picnic areas and trail access.

- Coastal Trail leads south four miles to the Klamath Overlook



View from Coastal Drive



Del Norte County

Klamath River South

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Klamath Overlook			•						•			•	•				•	•	
Requa				•		•			•			•					•	•	•
Klamath River	•			•		•	•	•	•								•	•	
Flint Ridge Campground			•	•						•							•	•	
Coastal Trail/ Coastal Drive			•	•				•				•					•	•	

KLAMATH OVERLOOK: 2.5 mi. W. of Hwy. 101 on Requa Rd./ Patrick Murphy Memorial Drive. Picnic spot with elevated view of the Klamath River mouth.

- Four-mile-long Coastal Trail segment leads north to Lagoon Creek
- Gray whales may be seen during migration, November–early May

REQUA: Hwy. 101, 18.5 mi. S. of Crescent City. Requa has been inhabited for thousands of years. A large Yurok Indian village named Re'kwoi was located here until the residents were driven out by white settlers in the 1850s. The hamlet is now within the Yurok reservation.

- Historic Requa Inn, a century-old lodging establishment on Requa Rd.; call: 707-482-1425

KLAMATH RIVER: Hwy. 101, 19 mi. S. of Crescent City. California's second-largest river.

- On the north bank, Yurok-owned Requa Resort RV Park is at the end of Mouth of Klamath Rd., off Requa Rd.; call: 707-482-1309
- On the south bank along Klamath Beach Rd., privately operated Klamath River RV Park (707-482-2091) and Kamp Klamath (707-482-0227)
- Klamath Beach Rd. leads along the river delta, with informal access to the beach

FLINT RIDGE CAMPGROUND: 1 mi. S. of Klamath River mouth off Coastal Drive. Hike-in primitive campground, one-quarter mile inland from Coastal Drive. Ten well-spaced campsites,

each with picnic table, barbecue grill, and bear locker. No-fee permit required for back-country camping; inquire at any Redwood National Park visitor center. The Flint Ridge Trail connects the Flint Ridge Campground with the Klamath River near the old Douglas Memorial Bridge site on Klamath Beach Rd. at Alder Camp Rd., a distance of four-and-a-half miles. The Douglas Memorial Bridge was swept away in the disastrous flood of December 1964.

COASTAL TRAIL: S. of Klamath River mouth to Newton B. Drury Parkway. Coastal Drive was formerly an eight-mile narrow unpaved road; now most of

it serves as a segment of the California Coastal Trail, with vehicles restricted to the north and south ends. RVs and trailers are prohibited. The route is perched high above the sea, with spectacular views.

- A pull-out on Coastal Drive one-half mile south of the Flint Ridge Trailhead overlooks an abandoned World War II-era radar station that was disguised as a farmhouse
- High Bluff Overlook at the end of Alder Camp Rd. has a picnic area and restrooms
- On the southern end of Coastal Drive, one mile off Newton B. Drury Parkway, a trail leads to Carruthers Cove



Klamath River mouth, south bank



Paved segment of the California Coastal Trail running through Crescent City

VISITORS TO Del Norte County enjoy outstanding opportunities to explore the coastline away from the busy coastal highway. It is possible to traverse nearly the entire county ocean shoreline using the California Coastal Trail, along beaches, past wetlands, and through small towns. The Coastal Trail offers opportunities to travel along much of the rest of California's shoreline, too; intrepid explorers sometimes hike the whole length of the state's coast.

What is the California Coastal Trail? It is simply a continuous public right-of-way along the coast. It is intended to provide a trail system as close to the ocean as possible, with as few interruptions as possible and with connections to the shoreline at appropriate intervals. The Coastal Trail provides for a variety of uses: hiking, bicycling, horseback-riding, and more. And as conditions allow, the trail is intended to be as accessible as possible to wheelchair users and those with limited mobility. One way in which a variety of users and conditions can be accommodated is through the concept of a "braided" trail, in which one strand might serve hikers on a beach, while a parallel, paved strand on a nearby bluff might serve bicyclists and wheelchair users.

With more than 38 million inhabitants and extensive urban development, California presents a challenge for trail planners seeking to create an unbroken route the length of the state's coast. About half of the planned route was in place as of 2013, and many segments of the California Coastal Trail are ready to explore.

In the state's northernmost county, Del Norte, the ocean beach starting at the Oregon border provides a hiking route as far as the mouth of the Smith River. An inland trail route is necessary around the river mouth. Then Coastal Trail access continues south along the beach to Point St. George. A paved segment of the trail continues along Pebble Beach Dr., through Crescent City and past Crescent City Harbor. South of town, the trail, again unpaved, proceeds along the forested shoreline through Redwood National Park and Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, well west of Hwy. 101. Following an inland route around the mouth of the Klamath River, a rugged section of Coastal Trail leads south into Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park in Humboldt County. The Redwood National and State Parks Information Center in Crescent City stocks

maps of area parks, many depicting segments of the California Coastal Trail.

Many recreational opportunities are available along the California Coastal Trail. Trail links that pass through shoreline wilderness are located in the King Range National Conservation Area and Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Farther south, Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area include lengthy segments of the Coastal Trail in natural, undeveloped settings.

But what of coastal visitors who prefer, say, inline skates or a bicycle when visiting the coast? The Coastside Trail through Half Moon Bay serves multiple users; much of it is paved and can be reached from convenient parking lots at Half Moon Bay State Beach and other area parks. The Coastside Trail is also a favorite among those who enjoy saddling up a horse on their outings to the shore. The old Haul Rd. through MacKerricher State Park near Fort Bragg is another paved route. Along the shoreline of Monterey Bay, the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail provides major, paved links in the statewide Coastal Trail.

The lively atmosphere along the South Bay Bicycle Trail, which runs some 20 miles from Pacific Palisades to Torrance, is unequalled. Visitors to Venice enjoy people-watching, strolling, and riding on wheeled conveyances of all sorts. Along Venice City Beach, in fact, two strands of the Coastal Trail are needed

in order to accommodate traffic in walkers, runners, skaters, and everyone else.

Completing the California Coastal Trail is an effort directed by the state legislature, which called in 2001 for completion of the trail. Efforts have been jointly pursued by the California Coastal Commission, State Coastal Conservancy, State Parks Department, local governments, and many community groups and nonprofit entities. In Gualala, for instance, the Gualala Bluff Trail serves as a 1,065-foot-long segment of the Coastal Trail. Running along high ground parallel to, but west of, Hwy. One, the trail affords grand vistas of the mouth of the Gualala River and perhaps a group of playful otters on the sand below. Creating the Gualala Bluff Trail and getting it open for public use was the result of years of effort, much of it on a volunteer basis by those who live in the community. Similar efforts have taken place in many parts of the state.

An advocacy group with a statewide focus on completing the Coastal Trail is the nonprofit organization, Coastwalk California. In 1996, Coastwalk California led a group walk traversing the length of the coastline, and regular events have been held since then in which participants walk a segment of the Coastal Trail. For information on progress, along with maps and suggested day-length excursions of parts of the trail, go to www.californiacoastaltrail.info.



California Coastal Trail, Dinosaur Caves Park at Shell Beach in San Luis Obispo County



DEL NORTE

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Redwoods SP

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Stone Lagoon

Humboldt Lagoons SP

Big Lagoon

Patrick's Pt.
Patrick's Point SP

Trinidad Head
Trinidad SB

Little River SB

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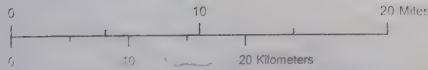
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Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

HUMBOLDT COUNTY

THE STEEP CLIFFS and forests of Redwood National Park dominate the landscape in northern Humboldt County. The southern portion of the county is also characterized by steep ridges rising sharply from the ocean. On the west coast of the continental U.S., Humboldt County's Cape Mendocino extends farther west into the Pacific than any other land area. Between these two rugged areas are the low-lying areas around Humboldt Bay and the fertile deltas at the mouths of the Mad and Eel Rivers. Many of the county's urban services are found in the communities between Trinidad and Fortuna, including the county's largest towns of Arcata and Eureka.

Hike a wilderness coast

The 35-mile-long "Lost Coast" in the southern part of Humboldt County is California's largest coastal roadless area, without a shoreline road

of any kind. Much of the area lies within the King Range National Conservation Area, managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Hiking and camping are possible along the Lost Coast Trail as well as on numerous inland trails and at road-accessible campgrounds that include Horse Mountain Creek Campground and Tolkan Campground.

Explore the redwood forest

Majestic coast redwood trees, the tallest living things on the planet, are protected at Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park. The park, along with Redwood National Park and redwood parks in neighboring Del Norte County, has been designated as a World Heritage Site and International Biosphere Reserve. The groves in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park have never been logged, and the redwoods that tower over visitors are up to 2,000 years old.



Roosevelt elk in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

Also growing in the park's moist climate are stands of huge Douglas-fir and Sitka spruce, along with colorful rhododendrons and azaleas. Fern Canyon's walls are draped with five-finger, deer, lady, sword, and chain ferns.

Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park has some 75 miles of trails, rated in difficulty from "very easy" to "strenuous." Several trails are accessible to those with limited mobility, including the Big Tree Trail and Prairie Creek Trail; the Revelation Trail has guide ropes and Braille signs for use by visually impaired visitors. Some trails are accessible to bicyclists and equestrians. Horseback tours through old-growth forest in Redwood National Park are offered by Redwood Creek Buckarettes at Orick; call: 707-499-2943. Scenic drives through redwood forest include three-mile-long unpaved Cal-Barrel Rd. and eight-mile-long unpaved Davison Rd., which leads to Gold Bluffs Beach and Fern Canyon (trailers prohibited; observe posted vehicle size limitations). In the southern part of Humboldt County, Humboldt Redwoods State Park and Richardson Grove State Park also contain ancient redwood groves and offer hiking and camping opportunities.

Go fishing

Shore fishing is possible all along the beaches of the North and South Spits bordering Humboldt Bay, and pier fishing is possible at the bay's Del Norte Street Pier. At Hookton Slough in the Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge, game fish include sharks, rays, jack smelt, greenling, starry flounder, English sole, and halibut. Party and charter boats for sportfishing trips depart Woodley Island Marina and King Salmon in pursuit of salmon, halibut, tuna, and rockfish. Trailered boats can be launched at the Samoa Bridge Launching Facility, Eureka Public Marina, and Fields Landing County Park.

Go boating or hunting

Stone Lagoon and Big Lagoon provide sheltered waters that are ideal for paddling a kayak or canoe. Launch a small boat at Big Lagoon County Park or at the visitor center at Stone Lagoon. At both locations Zak's Kayaks rents equipment and provides guided tours; call: 707-498-1130.

Along the shore of Arcata Bay is the Mad River Slough Wildlife Area, reached off Samoa Blvd. west of Hwy. 101. The Fay

Slough Wildlife Area is on the south-east edge of Arcata Bay; turn off north-bound Hwy. 101 at Harper Motors, then turn left. Both areas offer hunting and wildlife observation, with day use only, managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; call: 707-445-6493.

Visit a historic town

In the town of Trinidad is Humboldt State University's Marine Laboratory, which has a wheelchair-accessible visitor area with an aquarium and touch tanks. The laboratory is at 570 Ewing St.; open Mon.–Fri., 9 AM–4:30 PM, and also on weekends except during the summer, noon–4 PM; call: 707-826-3671.

Arcata is home to Humboldt State University's Natural History Museum at 1315 G St., which displays fossils of prehistoric animals, seashells, California butterflies and other insects, and much more, with hands-on exhibits for kids. The museum is open Tues.–Sat., 10 AM–5 PM; fee for entry. Call: 707-826-4479. Arcata also hosts the Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival, held annually in April to celebrate the marbled godwit and other birds of the redwoods, bays, and mudflats. The festival offers field trips, workshops, and boat excursions, with opportunities for visitors to see rare bird species such as the marbled murrelet and spotted owl. See: www.godwitdays.org.

Old Town Eureka, extending from C to M streets, between the bay and 3rd St., includes

many fine Victorian buildings. The most-photographed of all is probably the Carson Mansion at 2nd and M streets; the massive redwood building features ironwork, stained glass, turrets, and out-sized ornamentation in a variety of styles. Now a private club, the mansion is not open to the public.

Eureka's attractions include the Clarke Historical Museum at 240 E St., with an excellent collection of baskets and implements from the Wiyot, Yurok, Karuk, Hupa, and other California Native American tribes; call: 707-443-1947. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F St.; call: 707-442-0278. Free Thursday night concerts are held on summer evenings at the foot of C St., and a farmers market is held in Old Town on Tues., 10 AM–1 PM, June–October. The Sequoia Park and Zoo at 3414 W St. is a pleasant small zoo in a forest of redwood trees, with a visitor center, gift shop, paved paths, and picnic tables; call: 707-442-6552.

Ferndale is notable for its 19th-century Victorian character. Along Main Street are antique stores, gift shops, art galleries, and eating establishments. The Ferndale Museum at 3rd and Shaw streets exhibits historic farming and logging equipment, along with a fully functional blacksmith shop. Open Wed.–Sat., 11 AM–4 PM and Sun., 1 PM–4 PM, plus Tues., 11 AM–4 PM from June 1–Sept. 30; closed during Jan. Call: 707-786-4466.



Woodley Island Marina, viewed from Eureka Boardwalk



Trillium Falls Trail, Redwood National Park



Humboldt County

Northern Humboldt County

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park	•	•	•	•	•				•	•		•	•			•	•		
Fern Canyon			•						•								•		
Gold Bluffs Beach	•		•		•				•			•				•	•	•	
Elk Prairie Campground			•	•	•				•		•	•	•			•	•	•	
Redwood National Park	•	•	•	•	•				•	•		•	•			•	•		

PRAIRIE CREEK REDWOODS STATE PARK: *W. of Hwy. 101, 5.5 mi. N. of Orick.* Magnificent old-growth redwood groves and numerous visitor facilities. Campgrounds are at Elk Prairie and Gold Bluffs Beach; hike-in campsites also available. Visitor center with interpretive displays, bookshop, and self-guided nature trail. For park information, call: 707-465-7335.

- Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway has roadside pull-outs and paths into the forest
- Over 70 miles of trails, some open to bicyclists
- Roosevelt elk browse in Elk Prairie

FERN CANYON: *End of Davison Rd., 8 mi. from Hwy. 101.* Narrow canyon with 50-foot sheer walls covered with ferns. Gravel parking lot; flat quarter-mile-long trail into the canyon. Davison Rd. is unpaved and bumpy. Trailers prohibited; observe posted vehicle size limitations.

- A 4.5-mile-long trail to Fern Canyon starts at Elk Prairie and leads through the forested Murrelet State Wilderness area

GOLD BLUFFS BEACH: *On Davison Rd., 6 mi. W. of Hwy. 101.* Broad beach, uninterrupted by rocks or seastacks. The campground is exposed to sea breezes but is backed by forest and meadows where Roosevelt elk graze. There are 25 tent or RV campsites among low sandy dunes; RVs up to 24 feet long and 8 feet wide can be accommodated. No trailers allowed on Davison Road. There are restrooms, firepits, showers, and

wheelchair-accessible campsites. Leashed dogs restricted to designated areas. Additional hike-in campsites available; inquire at the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park visitor center.

ELK PRAIRIE CAMPGROUND: *Off Newton B. Drury Scenic Parkway, 5.5 mi. N. of Orick.*

Seventy-five tent or RV sites in an old-growth redwood forest; some sites are wheelchair accessible. Showers available. Hike or bike sites are within the campground. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- Elk Prairie Campground includes a day-use picnic area
- Ranger-led walks
- Junior ranger programs
- Campfire programs
- The 1.4-mile-long Elk Prairie Trail offers possible views of browsing Roosevelt elk



Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK:

Along the coast from Crescent Beach in Del Norte Co. to Freshwater Lagoon in Humboldt Co. and inland along Redwood Creek. Redwood National Park adjoins Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park, and Prairie Creek Redwoods. The areas are managed jointly as Redwood National and State Parks. See: www.nps.gov/redw.

Roosevelt elk browse in Elk Meadow off Davison Rd.; picnic area available. The 2.5-mile-long Trillium Falls Trail leads through dense forest. Off Bald Hills Rd. are old-growth redwoods at Lady Bird Johnson Grove (1.5-mile loop trail) and Tall Trees Grove (first-come, first-served permits available at Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center for private vehicle access to the Tall Trees trailhead). Camping is permitted at scattered hike-in sites along Redwood Creek; inquire at the visitor center.



Stone Lagoon



Humboldt County

Redwood Creek to Big Lagoon

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Orick Beach Access	•							•	•							•		
Thomas H. Kuchel Visitor Center										•		•	•			•	•	
Redwood Creek Beach Picnic Area	•	•						•	•			•	•			•	•	
Freshwater Lagoon	•	•				•	•	•								•	•	
Stone Lagoon	•	•	•			•	•	•		•						•	•	
Dry Lagoon	•	•	•				•									•	•	
Big Lagoon County Park	•	•	•			•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•

ORICK BEACH ACCESS:
End of Hufford Rd. off Hwy. 101, 1.5 mi. N.W. of Orick. Turn west on Hufford Rd. and bear left to reach the mouth of Redwood Creek. Campers and trailers not recommended. No facilities.

THOMAS H. KUCHEL VISITOR CENTER: *W. of Hwy. 101, 2 mi. S.W. of Orick.* Exhibits are about the resources of Redwood National Park; bookshop. A boardwalk leads along the Redwood Creek estuary. Open year round, 9 AM–5 PM (4 PM during winter). For information, call: 707-465-7765.

- Summertime ranger presentations and walks

REDWOOD CREEK BEACH PICNIC AREA: *W. of Hwy. 101, 2 mi. S.W. of Orick.* Picnic tables and barbecue grills separated from the sandy beach by low dunes. Leashed dogs OK in the picnic area and on the beach but not in the dunes.

- California Coastal Trail runs south along the sand
- Walk north on the sand some two miles to Mussel Point

FRESHWATER LAGOON:
E. of Hwy. 101, 3 mi. S. of Orick. West of Hwy. 101 are dunes and a long sandy beach with road-side parking, for day use only. Leashed dogs OK on the sand-spit. East of Hwy. 101 at the north end is a boat ramp with access to Freshwater Lagoon.

- Fish for rainbow trout, surf perch, catfish, and largemouth bass



Redwood Creek Beach Picnic Area

STONE LAGOON: *W. of Hwy. 101, 5 mi. S. of Orick.* Part of Humboldt Lagoons State Park. Visitor center off Hwy. 101 on the east side of Stone Lagoon; six boat-in campsites are on the opposite side of the lagoon.

- Visitor center offers kayak rentals and tours; call: 707-498-1130
- Turn off Hwy. 101 at the north end of the lagoon to reach an ocean beach
- California Coastal Trail runs along the beach west of the lagoon

DRY LAGOON: *W. of Hwy. 101, 6.5 mi. S. of Orick.* Turn west off Hwy. 101 at the sign for Humboldt Lagoons State Park to reach an ocean beach scattered with driftwood. Six environmental campsites are nearby; for access, inquire in

person at Patrick's Point State Park or call: 707-677-3570.

- Elk Country RV Resort and Campground on Hwy. 101 at the little red schoolhouse (707-488-2181) offers a trout-fishing lake, horseback riding, and browsing Roosevelt elk in the meadow

BIG LAGOON COUNTY PARK:
Off Hwy. 101, 8 mi. N. of Trinidad. Turn west off Hwy. 101 on Big Lagoon Park Rd.; jog left then right to Big Lagoon. Sandy ocean beach; 25 tent campsites nearby. Fee for day use and camping. Call: 707-445-7651.

- Boat ramp and dock in Big Lagoon
- California Coastal Trail runs along the beach
- Beachcombing
- Fishing



Path to Axel Lindgren Memorial Stairs



Humboldt County

Patrick's Point/Trinidad

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Patrick's Point State Park	•	•	•		•			•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
Trinidad State Beach	•	•	•			•			•				•			•	•		
Trinidad Head	•		•						•			•					•		
Trinidad Harbor	•	•					•	•	•				•	•		•	•	•	
Axel Lindgren Memorial Stairs	•	•	•								•						•		
Luffenholtz Beach and County Park	•		•					•	•	•						•	•		
Houda Point Access	•		•						•	•							•		
Moonstone County Park	•								•	•							•	•	

PATRICK'S POINT STATE PARK: *Patrick's Point Dr. off Hwy. 101, 5.3 mi. N. of Trinidad.* Very well appointed park, with picnic areas, miles of hiking trails, rocky shoreline, and old-growth Sitka spruce forest. Some of the 124 campsites are wheelchair accessible; hike or bike sites also available. A reconstructed Yurok village known as Sumêg, with traditional style family houses and sweat house, is within the state park. Local Yuroks continue to use the village to pass on cultural traditions to their youth and to share them with the public. A nearby Native American garden contains plants used by the Yuroks for medicines, baskets, and other purposes. Visitor center has exhibits, maps, and information. For park information, call: 707-677-3570.

- Summertime campfire programs are offered
- The Rim Trail follows a route along the ocean bluff
- Agate Beach has tidepools

TRINIDAD STATE BEACH: *Off Stagecoach Rd., N. of Main St., Trinidad.* Day-use facility with two separate parking areas. The College Cove parking area is one mile north of Trinidad; the sandy cove beach is sheltered by Elk Head, accessible by trail. Other trails run south through dense forest to Trinidad Beach, where there is a second parking lot. Restrooms are not wheelchair accessible.

- Flatiron Rock off Trinidad Beach supports a large breeding colony of common murre

TRINIDAD HEAD: *S.W. of town of Trinidad.* A loop trail leads around the 362-foot-high rock. Not accessible from the trail is a lighthouse, in continuous operation since 1871; the light was automated in the 1970s. Park at the foot of Lighthouse Rd.; sandy ocean beach is adjacent.

TRINIDAD HARBOR: *W. end of Edwards St., Trinidad.* Pier with adjacent restaurant overlooking

the harbor; beach boat launch and small marine railway for launching small boats.

- Inquire at the snack shop about ocean fishing trips

AXEL LINDGREN MEMORIAL STAIRS: *Foot of Trinity St. at Edwards St., Trinidad.* A memorial to fishermen lost at sea is on the bluff. Steep wooden staircase, without railings, leads to Old Home Beach. Beach also accessible via trail from the end of Wagner St. and from the end of Parker Creek Road.

LUFFENHOLTZ BEACH AND COUNTY PARK: *Scenic Dr., 2 mi. S. of Trinidad.* Pullout with path to beach, and a separate parking lot 100 yards south with shoreline access. Camel Rock is offshore. Call: 707-445-7651.

- Tidepools

HOUDA POINT ACCESS: *Scenic Dr., 2.3 mi. S. of Trinidad.* Steep stairs to two sandy beaches separated by a promontory. Roadside parking.

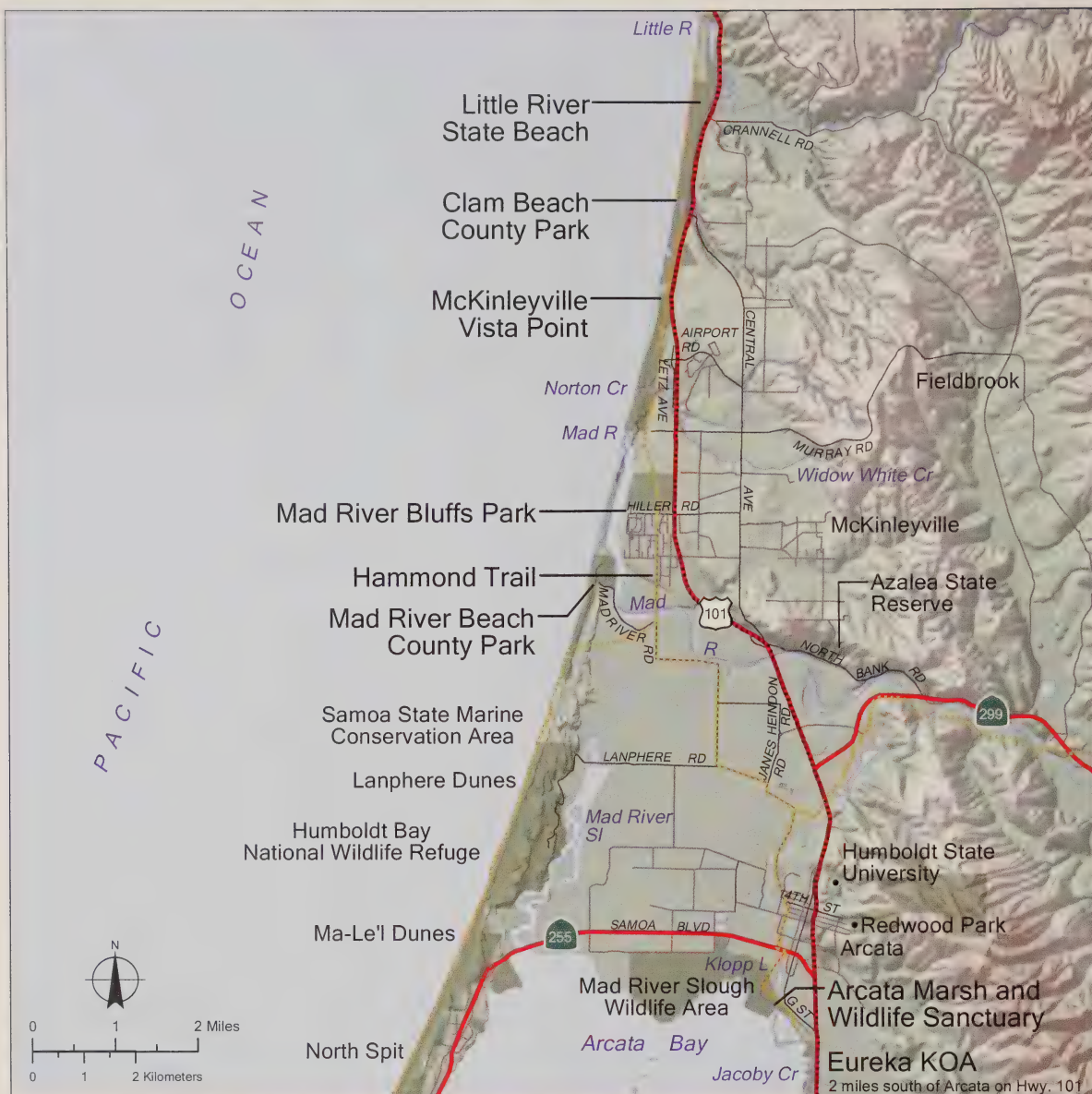
- Surfing
- Cliffs and sea caves

MOONSTONE COUNTY PARK: *Off Scenic Dr., 3 mi. S. of Trinidad.* Beautiful sandy beach beneath forested slopes at the Little River mouth; unpaved parking at beach level.

- Surfing
- Bodyboarding
- Wading
- Clamming



Trinidad Harbor



Clam Beach County Park



Humboldt County

Arcata Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Little River State Beach	•								•	•							•		
Clam Beach County Park	•				•					•		•	•				•	•	
McKinleyville Vista Point																	•		
Mad River Bluffs Park			•							•		•	•				•		
Hammond Trail			•	•						•		•	•				•	•	
Mad River Beach County Park	•					•			•								•	•	
Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary			•	•				•		•		•	•				•	•	
Eureka KOA				•						•		•	•				•	•	•

LITTLE RIVER STATE BEACH:
W. of Hwy. 101 at Crannell Rd. exit, 8.5 mi. N. of Arcata. Very wide beach and extensive dunes between Moonstone County Park and Clam Beach County Park; paths start at the front-age road. Call: 707-677-3570.

CLAM BEACH COUNTY PARK:
W. of Hwy. 101, 7.5 mi. N. of Arcata. Day use and camping, with tent and RV sites. Camp host avail-able; no reservations taken. Fee for camping. Observe sea-sonal restrictions on dogs due to western snowy plover habitat. Call: 707-445-7651.

- Fishing
- Clamming
- Horseback riding

MCKINLEYVILLE VISTA POINT: *Hwy. 101, 6.5 mi. S. of Trinidad, southbound only.* Panoramic views of Clam Beach and the Mad River mouth.

MAD RIVER BLUFFS PARK:
End of Hiller Rd., W. of Hwy. 101. Trails through pine forest, with scenic overlooks. Short trail to bluff from end of Hiller Rd. is wheelchair accessible. There is no access to Hiller Rd. from Hwy. 101; instead, ap-proach from Central Avenue.

HAMMOND TRAIL: *W. of Hwy. 101, from Clam Beach to the Mad River, McKinleyville.* More than five miles of multi-use trail, mostly separate from roads. Park at the north end of Letz Ave., at the end of Murray Rd., or at the old railroad bridge



Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary

off Mad River Rd.; restrooms and additional parking are at Hiller Park on Hiller Road.

- Horseback riding
- Much of the trail is wheel-chair accessible, although a few segments are steep

MAD RIVER BEACH COUNTY PARK: *End of Mad River Rd., W. of Hwy. 101.* Two separate parking lots; one has picnic tables, a boat ramp with access to the Mad River, and non-wheelchair-accessible restrooms. The other parking area is next to the sandy ocean beach. Call: 707-445-7651.

ARCATA MARSH AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY: 569 *South G St., Arcata.* There are ex-tensive marshes, sloughs, and five miles of hiking and bicy-cling trails. The visitor center is open Tues.–Sun., 9 AM–5 PM,

and Mon., 1–5 PM; closed major holidays. Call: 707-826-2359.

- Marsh tours start at the visitor center every Sat., 2 PM
- Guided birding walks start at the south end of I St., Sat., 8:30 AM
- Nearby concrete boat ramp at the south end of I St.; the bay is very shallow and boat access is available only at tides higher than +3.0 ft. above mean lower low water

EUREKA KOA: 4050 N. Hwy. 101, 2 mi. S. of Arcata. Privately operat-ed campground offers RV camp-sites (many with hookups), tent sites, and cabins (pets allowed). Swimming pool, hot tub, vol-leyball, snack bar, and bicycle rentals. Call: 707-822-4243.

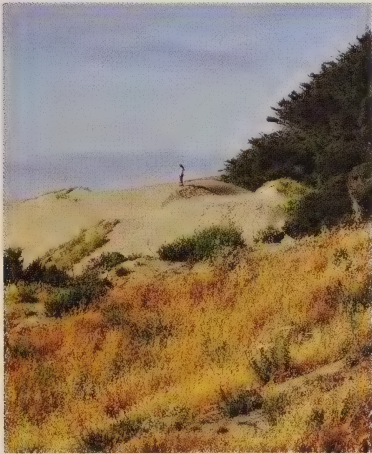


North Spit jetty, Humboldt Bay

Humboldt County

North Spit Humboldt Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Ma-le'l Dunes North	•	•						•				•			•	•			
Ma-le'l Dunes South	•	•						•		•		•			•	•			
Humboldt Coastal Nature Center		•								•	•		•		•	•			
Manila Community Park										•					•	•			
Manila Dunes Recreation Area	•	•						•				•			•	•			
Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum											•				•	•			
Accessways to Ocean Beach	•							•		•						•			
Samoa Dunes Recreation Area	•	•						•		•					•	•			
Samoa Boat Ramp County Park				•		•	•	•		•			•		•	•	•		



Ma-le'l Dunes

MA-LE'L DUNES NORTH: *Young Ln. off Hwy. 255, Manila.* Take right fork off Young Ln. to parking area. Picnic area; trails along a saltmarsh and through dunes to the ocean. Trails open daily, one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset; road open Friday–Monday. Wheelchair users may need assistance. Dogs, horses, and off-highway vehicle use not allowed. Cooperatively managed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management; call: 707-733-5406 or 707-825-2300. The Lanphere Dunes, farther north, are open to public access only

Keep in Mind

Guided nature walks take place at several locations on Humboldt Bay's North Spit; see calendar at www.friendsofthedunes.org or call: 707-444-1397.

through special permit or guided walks; call: 707-444-1397.

MA-LE'L DUNES SOUTH: *Young Ln. off Hwy. 255, Manila.* Take left fork of Young Ln. to parking area. Wheelchair users may need assistance. Trails open one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Call: 707-733-5406 or 707-825-2300.

- Equestrian trails and horse trailer parking

HUMBOLDT COASTAL NATURE CENTER: *Stamps Ln. off Hwy. 255, Manila.* Trails open during daylight hours; interpretive center open Sat., 10 AM–4 PM, and other days as staff are available. Call: 707-444-1397.

MANILA COMMUNITY PARK: *N. end of Victor Blvd., Manila.* Neighborhood park; bay access.

MANILA DUNES RECREATION AREA: *1611 Peninsula Dr., W. of Hwy. 255, Manila.* Loose sand trails to the beach are located next to the Manila Community Center.

- Dogs allowed under voice control
- Equestrian trails

HUMBOLDT BAY MARITIME MUSEUM: *Adjacent to Samoa Cookhouse, Cookhouse Rd., Samoa.* Nautical models, photos, and other materials related to maritime history. Open Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., 11 AM–4 PM; call: 707-444-9440.

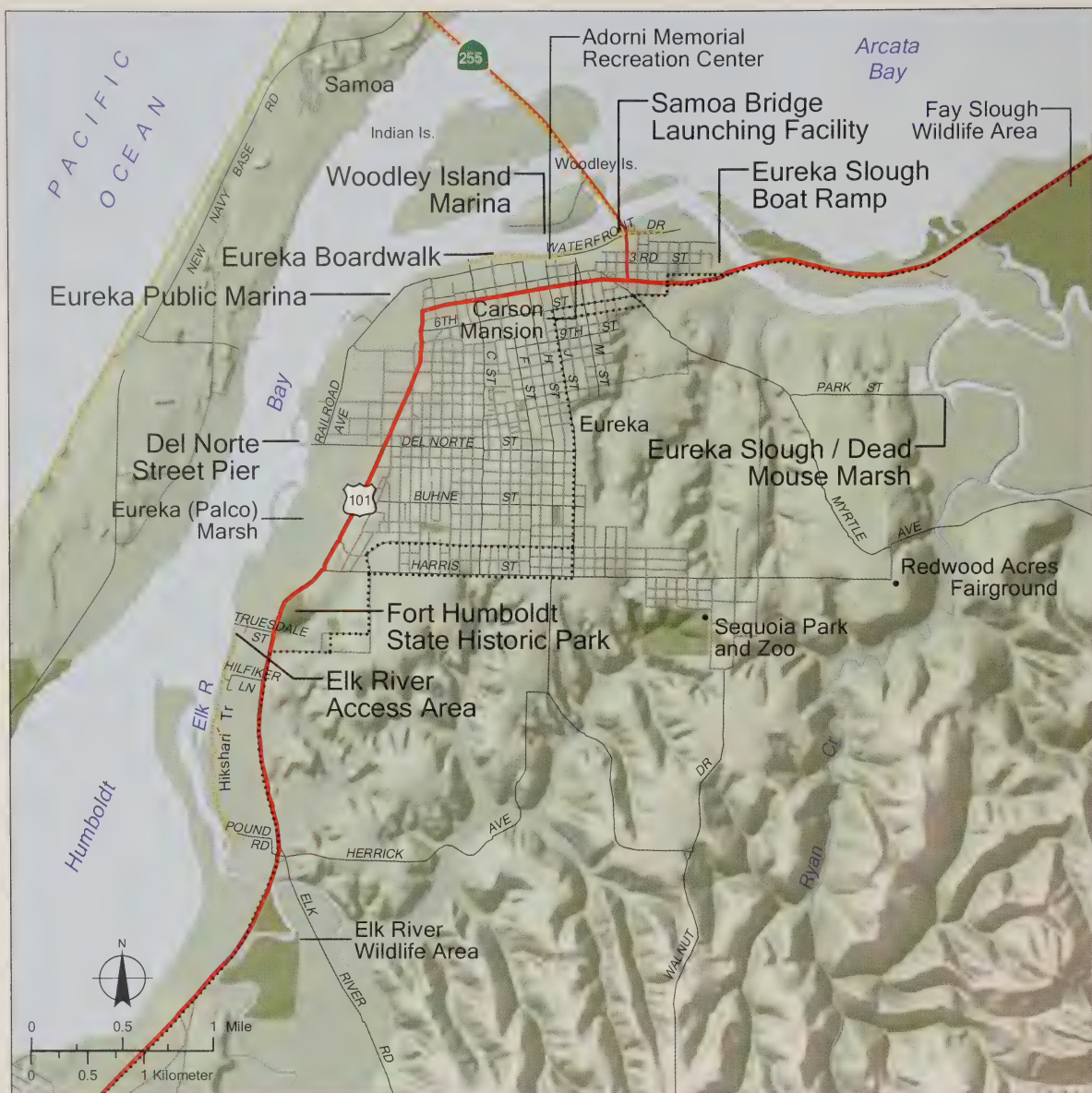
▪ Bay cruises on the *Madaket*; call: 707-445-1910

ACCESSWAYS TO OCEAN BEACH: *New Navy Base Rd., S. of Hwy. 255 intersection.* Pedestrian beach access at Samoa Beach, the U.S.S. *Milwaukee* Marker, and the "T" intersection opposite Bay Street. Vehicles not allowed on this part of the beach.

SAMOA DUNES RECREATION AREA: *S. end of New Navy Base Rd., North Spit.* Trails for off-road vehicles and motorcycles; picnic tables and fire rings. No water available. Open from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Call: 707-825-2300. Beach access by trail only to Eureka Dunes Protected Area, north of Samoa Dunes Recreation Area.

- Fishing on the jetty, but use caution as waves sometimes break over it
- Large-wave surfing spot near the jetty

SAMOA BOAT RAMP COUNTY PARK: *New Navy Base Rd., 4.4 mi. S. of Hwy. 255 intersection.* Campsites for 25 RVs plus tent sites, coin-operated showers, and boat ramp. Fee for camping. Call: 707-445-7651.



Eureka Boardwalk



Humboldt County

Eureka

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Eureka Slough Boat Ramp							•										•		
Samoa Bridge Launching Facility		•				•											•	•	
Woodley Island Marina		•				•	•	•				•		•			•		
Eureka Boardwalk		•					•					•	•				•		
Eureka Public Marina						•		•				•	•				•	•	
Del Norte Street Pier		•					•	•				•	•					•	
Fort Humboldt State Historic Park										•	•	•	•				•	•	
Elk River Access Area		•	•				•		•			•	•				•	•	
Eureka Slough/Dead Mouse Marsh		•					•											•	

EUREKA SLOUGH BOAT RAMP: *E. end of 3rd St. off Hwy. 101, Eureka.* Small concrete public ramp for hand-launching of boats, behind the Target store. Difficult access at low tide.

SAMOA BRIDGE LAUNCHING FACILITY: *Waterfront Dr., under the Samoa Bridge, Eureka.* Launch ramp for trailered or small boats beneath the Hwy. 255 bridge. Waterfront park with paths extends west to L Street.

WOODLEY ISLAND MARINA: *Off Hwy. 255, Eureka.* Woodley Island is part nature preserve and part marina, shared between recreational and commercial boats. There are 237 berths, guest slips, one- and two-ton boat hoists, and sewage pumpout facilities. No boat ramp, but canoes and kayaks can be launched. Call: 707-443-0801.

- Sportfishing charters
- Kayak and standup paddle-board rentals at Humboats; call: 707-443-5157

EUREKA BOARDWALK: *Waterfront from C St. to F St., Eureka.* Pedestrian esplanade overlooks the water and the Woodley Island Marina. At the foot of C St. is a fisherman's terminal; for seasonal harbor cruises on the *Madaket* call: 707-445-1910. Old Town attractions are nearby.

EUREKA PUBLIC MARINA: *Waterfront Dr., Eureka.* Waterfront Dr., along with 2nd St. and



Truesdale Vista near Elk River mouth

Railroad Ave., extends along Eureka's bayfront from Old Town to the Del Norte St. Pier. Public marina has berths for 140 vessels, fish cleaning station, and paved paths along the water. The Wharfinger Building is used for community events. Call: 707-268-1973.

- Boat ramp open 24 hours; no fee
- Fishing access at the end of Commercial St., when vessels not berthed there

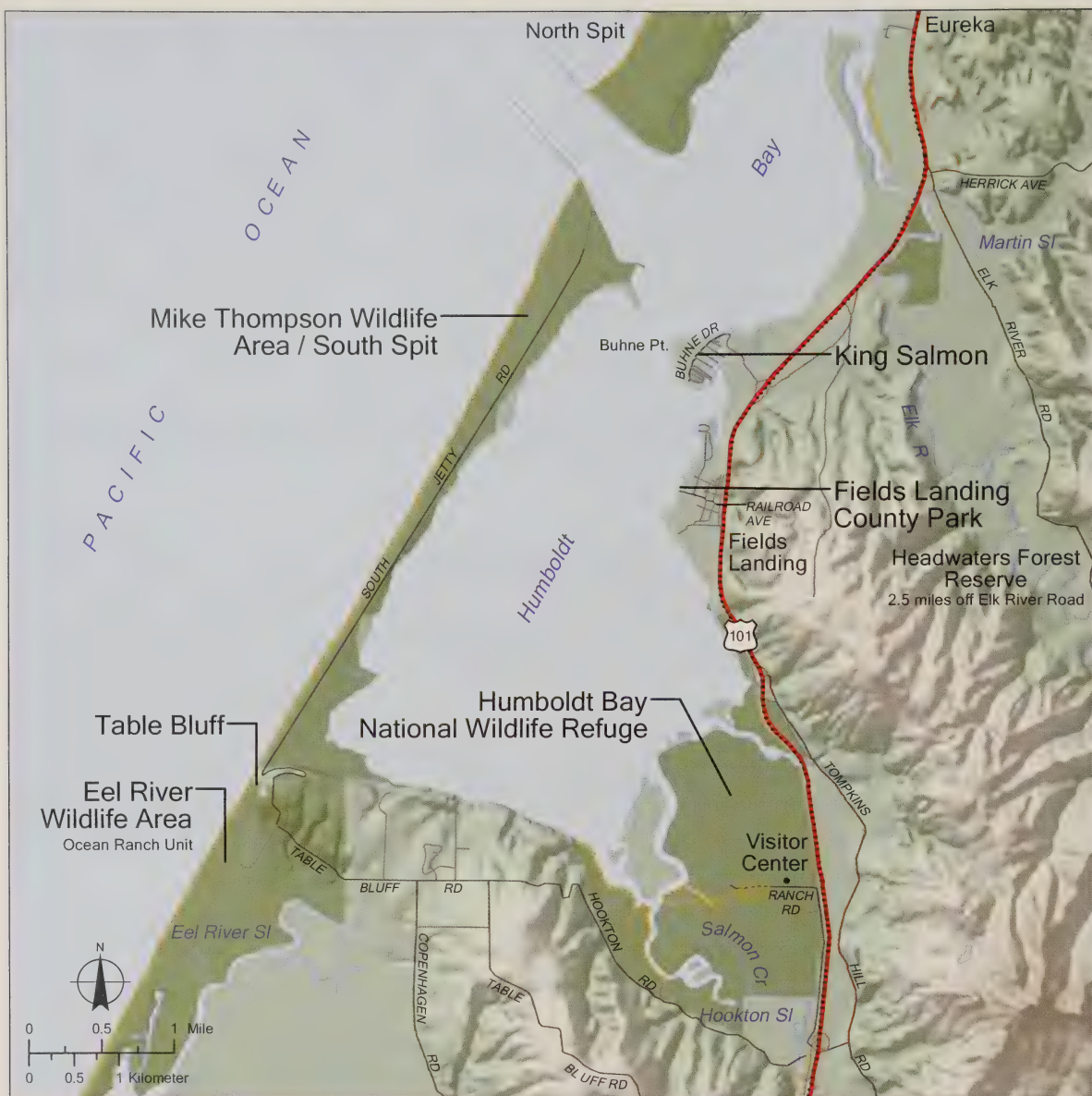
DEL NORTE STREET PIER: *Foot of Del Norte St., off Hwy. 101, Eureka.* Public fishing pier; picnic tables and views of the waterfront. Trail opposite Railroad Ave. extends south through Palco Marsh to Bayshore Mall parking area, at the end of Bayshore Way off Hwy. 101.

FORT HUMBOLDT STATE HISTORIC PARK: *3431 Fort Ave., off Hwy. 101, Eureka.* Exhibits about the history of this 19th

century military post; the Native American Wiyot, Hupa, and Yurok peoples; and the logging industry. Museum and paths are generally wheelchair accessible. Picnic areas have views of Humboldt Bay. Open daily, 8 AM–5 PM; call: 707-445-6567.

ELK RIVER ACCESS AREA: *From W. end of Truesdale St. to Pound Rd., W. of Hwy. 101, Eureka.* Parking, picnic area, and restrooms are at the end of Truesdale St. near the mouth of the Elk River. The multi-use Hikshari' Trail leads south past the end of Hilfiker Ln., where there is additional parking, and through the Elk River Wildlife Sanctuary. Inland of Hwy. 101 is the Elk River Wildlife Area; take Elk River Rd. east. Call: 707-445-6493.

EUREKA SLOUGH/DEAD MOUSE MARSH: *E. end of Park St., Eureka.* Trails lead along dikes through saltmarsh and fresh-water marsh; good birding.



Mike Thompson Wildlife Area / South Spit



Humboldt County

South Spit Humboldt Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
King Salmon	•				•		•		•	•						•		•	
Fields Landing County Park							•		•			•	•				•	•	
Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge		•					•	•	•		•		•				•	•	
Eel River Wildlife Area/Ocean Ranch Unit	•							•	•	•								•	
Table Bluff																		•	
Mike Thompson Wildlife Area/South Spit	•								•	•			•	•			•	•	

KING SALMON: *Off Buhne Dr., W. of Hwy. 101, 1 mi. N. of Fields Landing.* Sandy bay beach and dunes are west of Buhne Dr.; public access continues along the shoreline from west of the former powerplant to the old railroad tracks. RV and trailer camping and fishing and marina services available at two privately operated facilities, Johnny's Marina and RV Park (707-442-2284) and E-Z Landing Mobile Home Park (707-442-1118).

FIELDS LANDING COUNTY PARK: *Foot of Railroad Ave., Fields Landing.* Concrete boat ramp, picnic tables, and restrooms. Kayaks can be launched here.

HUMBOLDT BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: *Humboldt South Bay, W. of Hwy. 101.* Use the Hookton Rd. exit off Hwy. 101. West of the highway take Ranch Rd. to the visitor center; open daily except federal holidays, 8 AM–5 PM. Call: 707-733-5406.

- Shorebird Loop Trail, less than two miles long, starts at the visitor center
- Waterfowl hunting seasonally by permit only
- Hookton Slough Unit, off Hookton Rd., has trails and non-motorized boat launch

EEL RIVER WILDLIFE AREA/OCEAN RANCH UNIT: *Table Bluff Rd. off Hookton Rd., W. of Hwy. 101, Loleta.* Wildlife viewing and waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting; seasonal closures in effect. Day use only; managed by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Call: 707-445-6493.



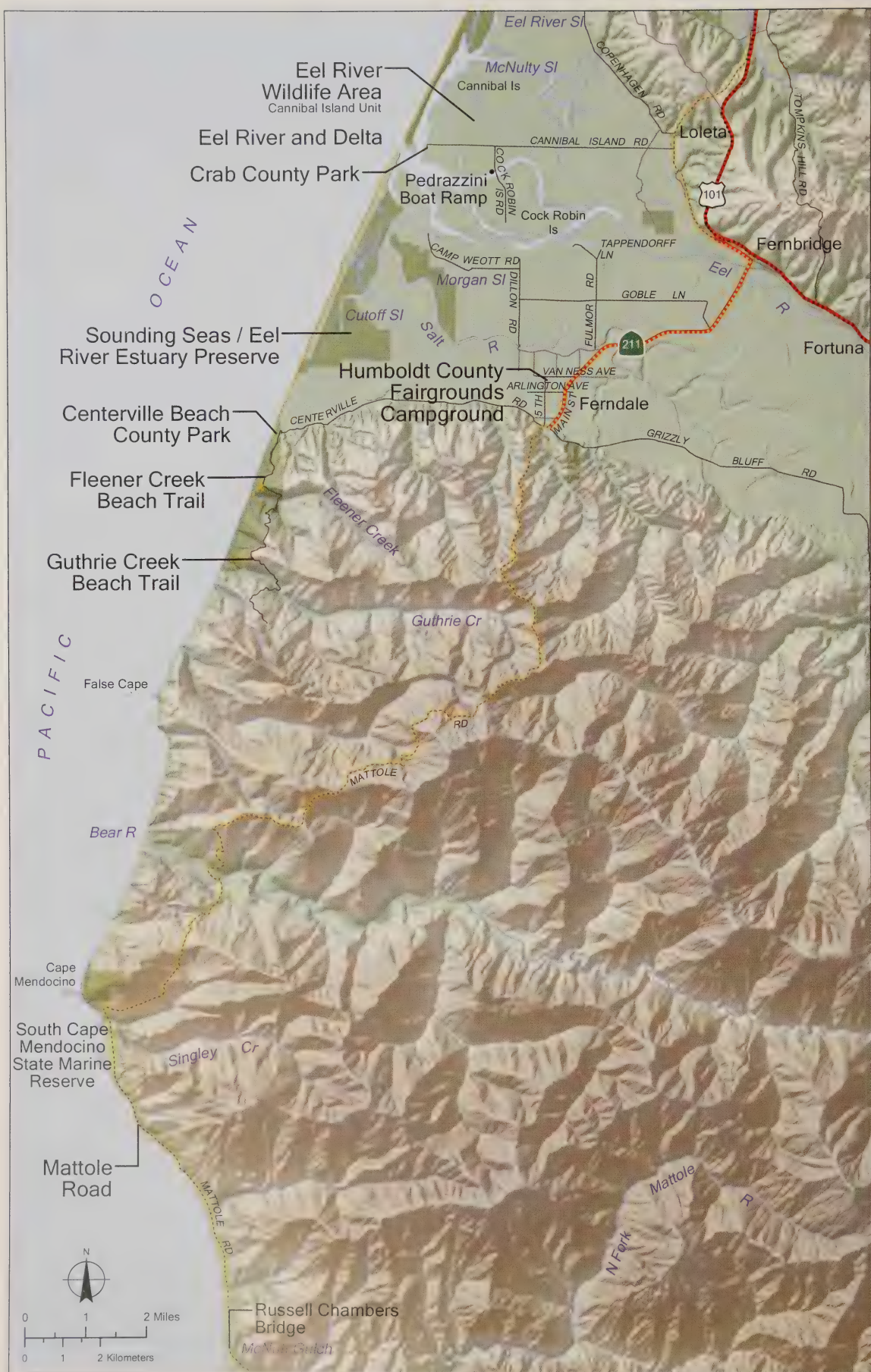
Eel River Wildlife Area, Ocean Ranch Unit

TABLE BLUFF: *End of Table Bluff Rd. off Hookton Rd., 5 mi. W. of Hwy. 101, Loleta.* High bluff offers spectacular views of Humboldt Bay, the South Spit, and the ocean. The Lighthouse Ranch property on the bluff has picnic tables. Roadside parking.

MIKE THOMPSON WILDLIFE AREA/SOUTH SPIT: *End of Table Bluff Rd. off Hookton Rd., 5 mi. W. of Hwy. 101, Loleta.* Long sandy beach and dune field, with picnic tables, fire rings, and restrooms at both ends of the spit. Pedestrian paths to the beach are spaced along

the spit. The area is open one hour before sunrise; the gate is locked one hour after sunset. No camping allowed. Dogs must be leashed from Mar. 1–Sept. 15. Call: 707-825-2300.

- Off-road vehicles allowed on beach waveslope only via designated access corridors, with seasonal closures during western snowy plover breeding season, March–September
- Fishing at the jetty, but use caution; waves can be dangerously large
- Seasonal waterfowl hunting on east side of South Jetty Road





Humboldt County

Eel River Valley South

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Eel River Wildlife Area/ Cannibal Island Unit									•	•									
Eel River and Delta									•	•	•						•		
Crab County Park	•		•						•	•	•						•		
Humboldt County Fairgrounds Campground				•													•	•	•
Sounding Seas/ Eel River Estuary Preserve	•																		
Centerville Beach County Park	•									•							•		
Fleener Creek Beach Trail	•		•							•							•	•	
Guthrie Creek Beach Trail	•		•							•							•	•	
Mattole Road	•	•							•									•	

EEL RIVER WILDLIFE AREA/ CANNIBAL ISLAND UNIT: *W. end of Cannibal Island Rd., 4 mi. from Loleta.* Hunting and wildlife viewing; seasonal closures in effect. Managed by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife; call: 707-445-6493.

EEL RIVER AND DELTA: *W. of Hwy. 101 at Fernbridge.* A maze of river channels and sloughs, suited for kayaking, fishing, hunting, and wildlife observation. Signs and facilities are scarce; private farmlands are all around.

- North of the river, Pedrazzini Boat Ramp for small boats is off Cannibal Island Road
- South of the river, public river access is available at the ends of Camp Weott and Dillon roads and from Tappendorf Ln. and Sandy Prairie Rd. near Fortuna

CRAB COUNTY PARK: *W. end of Cannibal Island Rd., 4 mi. from Loleta.* Paths lead along the water for fishing, equestrian

use, and wildlife viewing; harbor seals haul out on the spit across the channel. Due to sometimes turbulent water, kayak launching may be better at Pedrazzini Boat Ramp upstream. Call: 707-445-7651.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FAIR- GROUND'S CAMPGROUND: *5th St. between Van Ness and Arlington avenues, Ferndale.* Up to 100 RV sites plus grassy area for tent campers. Electrical and water hookups, showers; no picnic tables. First-come, first-served except during the county fair in August; call: 707-786-9511.

SOUNDING SEAS/ EEL RIVER ESTUARY PRESERVE: *Shoreline N. of Centerville Beach County Park.* Two-and-a-half miles of ocean beach and dunes. Hike north along the sand from Centerville Beach County Park; no off-highway vehicle use. Managed by The Wildlands Conservancy; for docent-led hikes, call: 707-672-4725 or 707-672-4724.

CENTERVILLE BEACH COUNTY PARK: *Centerville Rd., 5 mi. W. of Ferndale.* Wide sandy beach; steep beach and riptides make swimming inadvisable. Day use only; call: 707-445-7651.

- Fishing for surfperch or smelt
- Off-highway vehicles allowed on waveslope only, with seasonal closures March–September

FLEENER CREEK BEACH TRAIL: *Centerville Rd., 6 mi. S.W. of Ferndale.* Blufftop gravel parking area; steep half-mile trail to a sandy beach. Open from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Call: 707-825-2300.

GUTHRIE CREEK BEACH TRAIL: *Centerville Rd., 8 mi. S.W. of Ferndale.* A mile-long trail leads to the mouth of Guthrie Creek on a narrow sandy beach backed by high cliffs. Call: 707-825-2300.

MATTOLE ROAD: *Singley Creek to McNutt Gulch.* An eight-mile stretch of road borders the shoreline. Beaches, dunes, and rocky areas accessible at three locations: one mile, two miles, and three miles south of Singley Creek, and also on the north side of Russell Chambers Bridge across McNutt Gulch, where there is a gap in the fence. The path at McNutt Gulch is 20 feet wide; the others are 50 feet wide. Private property is adjacent; do not trespass. Limited shoulder parking.



Fleener Creek Beach Trail



A.W. Way County Park



Humboldt County

Mattole River and King Range

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mattole River and Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Punta Gorda Lighthouse		•									•								
A.W. Way County Park				•						•		•	•			•	•	•	
King Range National Conservation Area	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•		•			•	•		
Lost Coast Trail	•	•	•	•					•	•							•		
Horse Mountain Creek Campground				•						•						•	•	•	
Tolkan Campground			•	•						•		•				•	•	•	

MATTOLE RIVER AND BEACH:

W. end of Lighthouse Rd., 5 mi. W. of Petrolia. At the end of the paved road, 14 tent or trailer campsites with picnic tables, fire rings, and potable water.

PUNTA GORDA LIGHTHOUSE:

3 mi. S. of Mattole River Beach on Lost Coast Trail. An out-and-back hike on the Lost Coast Trail from Mattole Beach to the lighthouse, 3.6 miles each way; check tide table in advance and carry water.

A.W. WAY COUNTY PARK:

Mattole Rd., 6 mi. S.E. of Petrolia. Thirty campsites by the Mattole River; picnic tables, firepits, and running water.

KING RANGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA:

Mattole River Beach to S. of Shelter Cove. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) manages 68,000 acres, much of it wilderness. Over 80 miles of hiking trails, many of them steep, from peaks down to ocean level. Most roads not suitable for trailers; some require four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The Lost Coast Trail runs the length of the shoreline and connects to Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. A map in hand is essential; visit the King Range visitor center on Shelter Cove Rd. one mile west of Thorn Junction, or call: 707-986-5400.

Camping allowed at developed campgrounds and on BLM public lands, except where specifically closed, such as at Shelter Cove; check signs or BLM maps.

Permits (no-fee) required for all overnight use of the back country, including the Lost Coast Trail. Permits available at self-service boxes at trailheads and the King Range visitor center. Special recreation use permits required for all organized commercial and non-commercial trips.

- For guided summertime hikes, call: 707-986-5415
- For hunting regulations, check with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (707-445-6493)

LOST COAST TRAIL: *From Mattole River Beach to Black Sands Beach, Shelter Cove.* A 24.8-mile trail offering a true wilderness experience along the beach. Many hikers start at Mattole River Beach, with prevailing northwest winds at their backs. Punta Gorda and two trail segments of several miles each are impassable at high tide; check trailhead signs and consult a tide table in advance. Campers bring tents or use driftwood shelters; be prepared for changeable weather. A few private cabins lie along the route; do not trespass.

Keep in Mind

- Stream water must be purified for drinking
 - Food and scented items must be stored overnight in bear-resistant canisters
 - Note fire restrictions
 - Dogs allowed on leash in developed campgrounds; under voice control elsewhere
- For shuttle services between trailheads, call Lost Coast Shuttle (707-986-7437) or Lost Coast Adventure Tours (707-986-9895)

HORSE MOUNTAIN CREEK

CAMPGROUND: *King Peak Rd., 3.6 mi. N. of Shelter Cove Road.* Campground on a ridge and accessible by road; picnic tables and fire rings.

TOLKAN CAMPGROUND:

King Peak Rd., 6.5 mi. N. of Shelter Cove Road. On a ridge and accessible by road; picnic tables and fire rings. Campground has potable water and wheelchair access; near the Paradise Royale Mountain Bike Trail.



Mattole Beach and river mouth



Shelter Cove harbor



Humboldt County

Shelter Cove

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Black Sands Beach	•	•							•				•				•	•	
Little Black Sands Beach	•	•																	
Abalone Point		•							•									•	
Seal Rock		•							•									•	
Mal Coombs Park	•	•							•	•		•	•	•			•	•	
Shelter Cove	•	•	•		•		•	•	•			•	•				•	•	•

BLACK SANDS BEACH:

N. end of Beach Rd., Shelter Cove. Main parking area with restrooms is high on the bluff; a drop-off-only area is part-way down the steep slope. Black Sands Beach is the southern terminus of the Lost Coast Trail. About four miles north, the trail is not passable at high tide; plan accordingly. A bulletin board at the trailhead describes the Lost Coast Trail segments where high water limits access. Dogs OK, but the rocky beach can be hard on paws. For information on Black Sands Beach, the King Range, or the Lost Coast Trail, call: 707-986-5400.

LITTLE BLACK SANDS

BEACH: *W. end of Dolphin Dr., Shelter Cove.* Overlook at the edge of a black sand beach; no facilities. Use caution, as the bluff is heavily eroded.

ABALONE POINT: *Lower Pacific Dr., Shelter Cove.* Picnic area west of Upper Pacific Drive. Interpretive panels describe the geology of the area.

- Dramatic views of the Lost Coast

SEAL ROCK: *Lower Pacific Dr., Shelter Cove.* Small blufftop park with picnic tables and interpretive panels. No beach access.

- Migrating gray whales may be spotted, November–early May

MAL COOMBS PARK: *Lower Pacific Dr., Shelter Cove.* The park near Point Delgada is marked by the old Cape Mendocino Lighthouse, built in 1868 and later moved here



Abalone Point

from its original location some 35 miles to the north. Picnic tables; stairs to rocky beach.

SHELTER COVE: *W. end of Shelter Cove Rd., 21.1 mi. from old Hwy. 101 (Business Route) in Redway.* Take Briceland-Thorn Rd. west from Redway a distance of 12 miles to Thorn Junction. At the junction take the right fork, Shelter Cove Rd., which continues to the coast as a steep and winding but paved roadway. The King Range National Conservation Area visitor center is on Shelter Cove Rd. one mile from Thorn Junction; open weekdays, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM; call: 707-986-5400. A large color map and guide to the King Range is for sale; information also available on backpacker shuttle services.

Shelter Cove is a residential community at Point Delgada surrounded by the King Range National Conservation Area.

Upper and Lower Pacific drives form a loop; at the south end of the loop is the main cove, with a boat launch area. Mario's Marina complex on the 100-foot-high bluff includes boat launching service and facilities, motel, and restaurant; call: 707-986-7595. Additional lodging facilities and services are available at Shelter Cove.

- Shelter Cove Campground and Deli is opposite Mario's Marina
- Outcast Sportfishing (707-986-9842) and Shelter Cove Sport Fishing (707-923-1668) arrange trips for salmon, halibut, rockfish, albacore, and more
- The Lost Coast Surf Shack is located on the bluff overlooking the cove
- A daylight airstrip is surrounded by a nine-hole golf course (707-986-7447)

Fishing (for Beginners)



Fishing off South Spit, Humboldt Bay

THE AREA AROUND HUMBOLDT BAY is a major destination for coastal anglers, who fish from piers, from shore, or from boats. Have an urge to try your hand at fishing for the first time? The California Department of Fish and Wildlife provides a wealth of resources to help the aspiring angler navigate license requirements, catch limits, and fish identification.

The department's fishing passport program invites anglers to explore the state's wide range of fishing opportunities in pursuit of 150 different fish and shellfish species. Those participating get their passports stamped as they catch the listed species, to record their progress. The fishing passport program is a reminder that many game species associated with other parts of the world (tuna, lobster, clams) can be taken right in California.

A couple of free fishing days (usually in early and late summer) are offered annually, when no fishing license is required. Catch limits and other regulations still apply. The Department of Fish and Wildlife offers a guide to beach fishing, with tips and advice; in the Humboldt Bay area, Samoa Beach and the South Spit are popular shore fishing areas. Fishing sites statewide are noted throughout this guide.

No fishing license is required anytime for sport fishing off public piers along California's

coast, such as the Del Norte Street Pier in Eureka. A public fishing pier is generally one that has unrestricted access to the general public. A few other public piers in the state are Arena Pier at Point Arena, Gaviota Pier at Gaviota State Park, and Venice Fishing Pier. Some breakwaters and jetties qualify as a public fishing pier, but check first.

A fishing license is required to take fish, crabs, spiny lobsters, abalone, and certain other game species. Anyone 16 years old or older fishing in California from shore, a boat, or from a jetty or wharf that does not meet the definition of a "public pier" must have a fishing license in their possession (displaying the license is no longer required). Disabled veterans, low-income seniors, and certain others qualify for reduced-fee fishing licenses. California residents can purchase a lifetime fishing license.

Whether or not a fishing license is required, catch limits apply on how many finfish, crustaceans, and other species can be taken, and rules apply to the methods used for fishing. Taking certain species, such as abalone or North Coast salmon, require the filing of "report cards." Commercial fishing is regulated by one set of rules, while other regulations apply to sport fishing, one set for fishing

in the ocean, and another for inland rivers and lakes. The rules are complicated; before a fishing trip, contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife (or ask where fishing supplies are sold) for the latest Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations or Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations. Both pamphlets are published annually, with occasional in-season updates.

Marine protected areas (MPAs) have been designated along the length of California's ocean coast, in order to protect the long-term health of the marine environment. Marine protected areas are intended to conserve biological diversity, provide a sanctuary for marine life, and enhance recreational and educational opportunities. General rules apply to all marine protected areas, while specific rules and boundaries have been designated for each area. For instance, the rules may prohibit the take of finfish or invertebrates, such as abalone, at a specific mapped location. Maps and regulations are available at the Department of Fish and Wildlife's website and at local offices of the department. A mobile website tailored for smartphones with Internet access includes the rules and maps of each marine protected area; see: www.dfg.ca.gov/m/MPA/.

See www.dfg.ca.gov for the Department of Fish and Wildlife's website, which provides extensive information about:

- Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations
- Freshwater Sport Fishing Regulations

Keep in Mind

Fish are a nutritious food, but some fish in California's coastal waters contain levels of chemicals that may be harmful if consumed frequently. The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment provides "safe eating guidelines" that are included in the Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlets. For updated information on mussel quarantines and naturally occurring shellfish toxins, call the California Department of Public Health's shellfish information line at 1-800-553-4133.

The Monterey Bay Aquarium's well-known Seafood Watch program helps consumers make smart choices for the health of the oceans; see: www.montereybayaquarium.org, or look for an application for your mobile device.

- Fish identification guides and images of many different sport fish species
- A list of licensed fishing guides, with the types of service they provide

Or, for information about ocean fishing, call the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Marine Region office in Monterey at 831-649-2870, or send an email to AskMarine@wildlife.ca.gov. For updates on fishing for popular groundfish species, such as rockfish and sole, call the Recreational Groundfish Fishing Regulations Hotline: 831-649-2801. For information about freshwater fishing, call: 916-653-7664.



Fishing from Malibu Pier, Los Angeles County



HUMBOLDT

Lost Coast

Sinkyone Wilderness SP

PACIFIC OCEAN

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Leggett

Rockport

Westport - Union Landing SB

BRANSCOMB RD

Westport

Laytonville

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MENDOCINO

Longvale

Ten Mile R

MacKerricher SP

Fort Bragg

Noyo R

OAK AVE

BRAGG RD

SHERWOOD RD

SHERWOOD RD

Willits

Jug Handle SNR

Caspar Headlands SB & SNR

Pt. Cabrillo Light Station

Russian Gulch SP

Mendocino Headlands SP

Big R

Van Damme SP

Caspar

Jackson SF

Mendocino Woodlands SP

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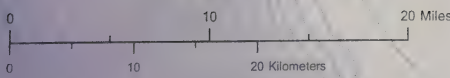
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Mendocino Art Center

MENDOCINO COUNTY

MENDOCINO COUNTY draws visitors from California and around the world to its rocky shoreline, sandy pocket beaches, and dense forests. Along with its natural attractions, the Mendocino County coast has fine art galleries, unique performance spaces, and lively community events.

Visit a gallery or take in a performance

For over half a century, the nonprofit Mendocino Art Center has exhibited the work of artists from the Mendocino area and beyond and has offered classes in painting, sculpture, ceramics, and jewelry-making. Outdoor painting demonstrations and quick-draw competitions are just a few of the center's public events. The Art Center's activities include the annual Mendocino Coast garden tour held in June and arts and crafts fairs that take place in July and November. Musical performances take place on the first Sunday of each month. The Mendocino Art Center is located at Little Lake and Kasten streets. For information, see: www.mendocinoartcenter.org. With a long-standing reputation as an artist-friendly community, the town of Mendocino is also home to many

commercial galleries, as are Fort Bragg and other Mendocino County communities.

The Mendocino Theatre Company offers a year-round schedule of plays at its theater at 45200 Little Lake St.; for information, call: 707-937-4477. In Fort Bragg, the venerable Gloriana Theatre puts on a range of productions; call: 707-964-7469. The Symphony of the Redwoods performs at venues in Fort Bragg and Mendocino; for upcoming performances, call: 707-964-0898. The beautifully restored circa-1928 Arena Theater in Point Arena maintains a busy schedule of film screenings, live opera simulcasts, theater works, and community events; call: 707-882-3456. In Gualala, the Art in the Redwoods Festival, now in its sixth decade, is held in August, with performances and art exhibits. For information on events throughout the county, see: www.mendocino.com.

Kayak on the sea

Relatively sheltered waters at Van Damme State Park, plus a beach-level parking area, make the park a fine launch spot for sea kayakers; sea caves are not far away. Kayak Mendocino offers tours year round from



Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, Lost Coast Trail

Van Damme State Park; call: 707-937-0700. At Mendocino Headlands State Park, **Big River Beach** is another spot to launch small craft, and the rocky shore has sea caves and excellent views of the historic town of Mendocino perched on its plateau. Catch-a-Canoe, located at the Stanford Inn on the south bank of Big River, offers boat rentals and bicycles, too; call: 707-937-0273. **Russian Gulch State Park** also has a good kayak launch spot at a cove beach. The small community of Elk is situated on a high bluff, but a paved path provides a way for kayakers to roll equipment down to the water's edge at **Greenwood State Beach**. Dramatic sea caves and offshore rocks await visitors who launch there. Tours and instruction are available at various Mendocino County locations from Liquid Fusion Kayaking; call: 707-962-1623.

Go fishing

Noyo Harbor at Fort Bragg is a departure point for ocean fishing trips. Albacore, salmon, lingcod, and rockfish are frequently taken by those on party boats, which can be arranged at the harbor. Wildlife excursions in search of seabirds and gray or blue whales can also be booked at Noyo Harbor.

Shore fishing is possible at numerous sites along Mendocino County's rocky coast, and abalone divers often head for **Russian Gulch State Park** and **Van Damme State Park**.

Explore the back country

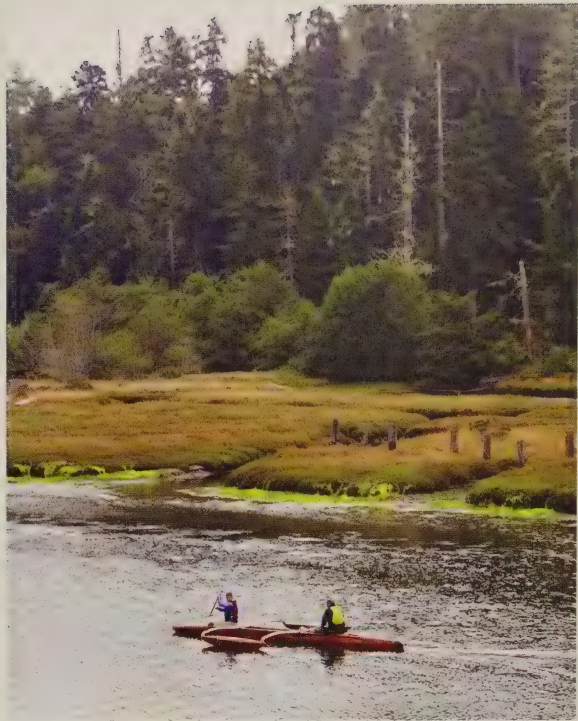
Most of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park is roadless, and many of its attractions can be reached only on foot or horseback. Together with the adjoining **King Range National Conservation Area**, Sinkyone Wilderness State Park provides a long stretch of undeveloped coast for intrepid explorers. Several more easily reached coastal destinations also include a back-country component. **Jug Handle State Natural Reserve**, **Russian Gulch State Park**, and **Van Damme State Park** offer much more than the shoreline activities for which they are well known; each has forests and meadows with miles of trails for hikers or, in some cases, bicyclists or equestrians, located well inland from the coast. **Mendocino Headlands State Park** draws many visitors to the scenic bluffs around the town of Mendocino, but the park also includes over 7,000 acres of land in the Big River watershed, inland of Hwy. One. Visitors get there by trail or by kayak on the river itself.

Other attractions

Annual Whale Festivals are held in the Mendocino County communities of Fort Bragg, Mendocino, and Little River on successive weekends in March during the gray whale’s migration season. Sea kayak tours, food and wine tasting, and art exhibits are scheduled. On the first Saturday in July, Fort Bragg hosts what is billed as the world’s largest salmon barbecue, benefitting salmon restoration efforts. For information on all these annual events, see: www.fortbragg.com.

Near the Mendocino County coast is a geological oddity, the strange sinkhole reached via the Little River Blowhole Trail. Despite the site’s name, water does not actually splash up out of the deep, circular hole in the bluff, but at high tide the waves wash rather mysteriously into it through a half-hidden natural tunnel. At Russian Gulch State Park is a feature called the Devil’s Punchbowl, actually a collapsed sea cave, into which the ocean surges at high tide.

Mendocino County’s pygmy forest is a rare living resource. At Van Damme State Park dwarf trees and shrubs grow in shallow, nutrient-poor soil called *podzol*, a Russian word that describes the soil’s ash-gray color. Pygmy trees that are decades old may reach a height



Big River

of only two or three feet; in better conditions the same species attain normal size. Pygmy forest soils are among the most acidic in the world, with a pH about the same as vinegar. A boardwalk leading through the forest is reached via Little River Rd., off Hwy. One.



Mendocino Bay Overlook





Mendocino County

Sinkyone Wilderness State Park

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King Range National Conservation Area			•		•				•	•									
Needle Rock		•	•		•				•			•	•				•	•	•
Sinkyone Wilderness State Park	•	•	•		•				•	•							•	•	•
Bear Harbor	•	•	•		•				•	•							•	•	•
Lost Coast Trail			•		•				•								•		•
Usal Beach Camp	•	•	•		•				•	•							•	•	•
InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness									•										

KING RANGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA: *Mattole River Beach (Humboldt Co.) to Four Corners (Mendocino Co.).* Most of the King Range is in Humboldt County. The Lost Coast Trail continues south from the Hidden Valley trailhead on Chemise Mountain Rd. into Sinkyone Wilderness State Park in Mendocino County. Nadelos and Wailaki campgrounds, accessible by Chemise Mountain Rd., are near the Lost Coast Trail.

NEEDLE ROCK: *Briceland Rd./Mendocino Co. Route 435, 7 mi. S.W. of Four Corners.* Sinkyone Wilderness State Park visitor center, picnic area, campsites, and the park's only ready-to-drink water. Hike-in Jones Beach and Streamside Camps are nearby along the Lost Coast Trail.

SINKYONE WILDERNESS STATE PARK: *Between Four Corners and Usal Beach Camp.* A rugged park, mostly roadless. From the north, approach via Briceland Rd. (in Mendocino Co. labeled as Route 435); parts may be impassable in winter. From Hwy. One in Mendocino County, access the park by vehicle as far as Usal Beach Camp via narrow unpaved Usal Rd. (Route 431).

Park open all year for hiking and primitive camping; no reservations taken. Most campsites are on the Lost Coast Trail. Mountain bikes permitted on roads open to vehicles but prohibited on hiking trails; some trails open to

equestrians. For recorded park information and road conditions, call: 707-986-7711.

BEAR HARBOR: *Near S. end of Briceland Rd./Route 435.* Campsites are in three groups at Orchard Camp, Railroad Camp, and Bear Harbor Camp.

LOST COAST TRAIL: *Paralleling the shoreline between Orchard Creek and Usal Beach Camp, Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.* The Lost Coast Trail runs the length of the park, at least a three-day walk. Much of the trail passes through forests high above the ocean. Campsites are at Wheeler Camp (equestrians welcome), Little Jackass Creek, and Anderson Gulch.

USAL BEACH CAMP: *Usal Rd., 6 mi. N. of Hwy. One turnoff at milepost 90.88.* Fifteen campsites accessible via heavily rutted dirt road. Tables, fire rings, pit toilets.

- Surf fishing
- Abalone diving
- Equestrian camping

INTERTRIBAL SINKYONE WILDERNESS: *E. of Sinkyone Wilderness State Park.* The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council, composed of ten northern California Indian tribes with ties to the Sinkyone region, manages some 3,800 acres of land east of the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. For information, call: 707-468-9500.



Usal Beach picnic area

Keep in Mind When Visiting Sinkyone Wilderness State Park

- Campers must check in first at Needle Rock or Usal Beach
- Bring all supplies you will need, including drinking water and firewood
- Narrow, steep roads are unsuitable for RVs and trailers
- Wood gathering not allowed; fires allowed only in facilities provided
- Pack your trash out when leaving
- Bears frequent this area; store food and scented items properly at all times
- Dogs are not allowed on trails and are discouraged elsewhere due to Roosevelt elk, which can be aggressive toward canines



South Kibesillah Gulch View Area



Mendocino County

Westport Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Overlooks																			
Westport-Union Landing State Beach	•	•			•				•	•			•	•			•	•	
Westport Beach RV Park	•	•			•				•		•	•				•	•	•	•
Pete's Beach	•	•							•								•		
Westport Headlands	•	•											•				•		
Chadbourne Gulch	•	•							•	•							•		
Vista Point			•									•	•				•		
Newport Trail			•	•															
South Kibesillah Gulch View Area																	•		
Seaside Creek Beach	•	•							•	•							•		

OVERLOOKS: Hwy. One at Hardy and Juan Creeks, 6.3 and 5.8 mi. N. of Westport. Roadside overlooks at Hwy. One mileposts 83.5 and 82.96; no improved beach access.

WESTPORT-UNION LANDING STATE BEACH: W. of Hwy. One, 3 mi. N. of Westport. Day use and camping on a narrow ocean bluff. The main day-use area is the beach at the mouth of Howard Creek. Eighty-six primitive campsites along the open bluff. Picnic tables and fire rings; no reservations taken. Fee for camping; no fee for day use. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Tidepooling
- Fishing
- Abalone diving

WESTPORT BEACH RV PARK: Hwy. One, .5 mi. N. of Westport. Privately run campground near the mouth of Wages Creek. Seventy-five RV sites with hookups, 50 tent campsites, plus group sites. Call: 707-964-2964.

- Volleyball and horseshoes
- Surfing
- Surf fishing

PETE'S BEACH: Hwy. One, .3 mi. N. of Westport. Stairs to beach start at an opening in the thicket at the south end of an unpaved pull-out. Part of Westport-Union Landing State Beach. Call: 707-937-5804.

WESTPORT HEADLANDS: Hwy. One, 7.5 mi. N. of Ten Mile

River. Open bluff across Hwy. One from Westport. Stairs to beach are opposite the end of Pelican Road. Wheelchair-accessible parking and viewing platform off Omega Drive.

- Kayak launch spot
- Blufftop views

CHADBOURNE GULCH: Hwy. One, 5.8 mi. N. of Ten Mile River. Mile-long sandy beach, known by surfers as Blues Beach, accessible from dirt parking area at milepost 75.43. No facilities.

- Surf fishing
- Poke-pole fishing for monkey-face eels
- Abalone diving

VISTA POINT: W. of Hwy. One, 4.5 mi. N. of Ten Mile River. A large paved parking area, equipped with interpretive panels, is located at milepost 74.09. A path leads toward the shoreline near Bruhel Point, providing blufftop

views. A wheelchair-accessible path leads south a short distance from the parking area.

NEWPORT TRAIL: W. of Hwy. One, 1.9 mi. N. of Ten Mile River. A segment of the California Coastal Trail for hikers and mountain bikers parallels Hwy. One on the west side from milepost 72.15 to 73.22. A parking lot and viewpoint are planned at the north end.

SOUTH KIBESILLAH GULCH VIEW AREA: W. of Hwy. One, 2.1 mi. N. of Ten Mile River. Unsigned overlook and parking at milepost 71.95; no beach access.

SEASIDE CREEK BEACH: W. of Hwy. One, 1 mi. N. of Ten Mile River. Sandy beach adjacent to Hwy. One, extending to the mouth of the Ten Mile River.

- Beachcombing
- Surf fishing
- Surfing



Seaside Creek Beach



Old timber haul road spanning Pudding Creek



Mendocino County

MacKerricher State Park Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Ten Mile River View Area			•						•				•	•			•		
MacKerricher State Park	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
Ward Avenue	•	•	•														•		
Lake Cleone			•				•	•	•				•	•			•	•	•
Laguna Point	•	•	•					•					•	•			•	•	•
Haul Road Access		•	•	•									•	•			•	•	

TEN MILE RIVER VIEW AREA: *S. side of Ten Mile River Bridge.* Parking area on south side of bridge, with interpretive panels. Paved pedestrian access across the bridge; views of river and dunes.

MACKERRICHER STATE PARK: *From Ten Mile River S. to Glass Beach in Fort Bragg.* Eight miles of beaches, dunes, and rocky shoreline. Main park entrance is at Cleone. Additional beach access points within the state park include the end of Ward Ave., a parking area opposite Airport Rd., Pudding Creek, and Glass Beach Drive.

MacKerricher State Park campground includes more than 140 developed sites for RVs or tents; some campsites are wheelchair accessible. Also available are group campsites and 10 walk-in sites set in a forest. Leashed dogs allowed in campground. Visitor center is at the main park entrance. Beach wheelchair available.

- Nature walks and campfire programs
- Surf fishing
- Horseback rides can be arranged locally

WARD AVENUE: *Just N. of MacKerricher State Park main entrance.* Parking and access to sand dunes and miles of beach, both north and south. Seasonal restrictions may be in effect to protect nesting habitat of the western snowy plover.

- Popular surfing spot
- Haul road trail access

LAKE CLEONE: *End of Mill Creek Drive.* Freshwater lake is ringed by a 1.3-mile-long trail. Non-motorized boats allowed. Picnic area overlooks the lake.

Birds seen year round at the lake include great blue herons, ring-necked and mallard ducks, and osprey

- Freshwater fishing

LAGUNA POINT: *End of Mill Creek Drive.* On a clear day the headland offers an unimpeded view of the mountainous coastline to the north.

- Look for harbor seals on the rocks and gray whales

migrating along the coast, November to early May

- Wheelchair-accessible boardwalk leads around Laguna Point

HAUL ROAD ACCESS: *From Ward Ave. to Glass Beach Dr., Fort Bragg.* The old timber haul road now serves as a paved multi-use trail through MacKerricher State Park. The trail, a segment in the California Coastal Trail, can be accessed from the end of Ward Ave., at Laguna Point, and from a parking area off Hwy. One, 100 yards south of Airport Road. There is also trail access at the north end of Glass Beach Dr. in Fort Bragg.



MacKerricher State Park



Noyo Harbor

Mendocino County

Fort Bragg

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Pudding Creek Beach	•														•	•		
Glass Beach	•	•	•					•								•	•	
Fort Bragg Coastal Parkland																		
Noyo Harbor	•	•				•		•							•	•	•	
Pomo Bluffs Park		•	•						•			•	•			•	•	
Hare Creek Public Access	•	•																
Mendocino Coast Botanical Garden	•	•	•						•		•	•	•			•	•	•
Belinda Point	•	•	•						•								•	

PUDDING CREEK BEACH: *Hwy. One at Pudding Creek, Fort Bragg.* Wide sandy beach beneath the old wooden trestle. Part of MacKerricher State Park.

GLASS BEACH: *W. end of Elm St., Fort Bragg.* Path to beach starts at Glass Beach Dr., at the end of Elm Street. Roadside parking. Part of MacKerricher State Park.

- Look for surf-polished bits of blue, green, and red glass

FORT BRAGG COASTAL PARKLAND: *Hwy. One, 10 mi. N. of Mendocino.* Fort Bragg's shoreline between Glass Beach and the Noyo River mouth was dominated for a century by its sawmills. By 2003 all mill operations ceased. Re-use of the area is pending, perhaps to include a route for the California Coastal Trail and public open space.

- The historic Skunk Train offers excursion trips through the redwoods between Fort Bragg and Willits; call: 707-964-6371

NOYO HARBOR: *Off Hwy. One, 1.8 mi. S. of Fort Bragg.* Commercial fishing harbor, with restaurants, marine-related businesses, and nice views. Lawn and public viewing area overlooking fishing boats is next to Ocean Fresh Fish Market. A sandy beach is at the far west end of Harbor Dr., beyond the Hwy. One bridge that passes high overhead.

- Sport fishing trips can be arranged
- Public boat ramps are at the ends of Basin St. and South



Main Street, Fort Bragg

Harbor Dr., on the south bank of the Noyo River

POMO BLUFFS PARK: *Cliff Way, off Ocean View Dr., .2 mi. S. of Noyo River Bridge, Fort Bragg.* Grand views of the Noyo River mouth from atop the bluff, trails, interpretive displays. Call: 707-961-2827.

HARE CREEK PUBLIC ACCESS: *S. of Bay View Ave., Fort Bragg.* Walk south from College of the Redwoods parking lot. At Bay View Ave., turn west for 100 yards and look for signed trailhead. Trail leads south, then east, then south again to sandy cove beach. Private property is adjacent; do not trespass.

MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDEN: *18220 N. Hwy. One, Fort Bragg.* Flowering shrubs and perennials of great variety are set among pine trees.

Paths, some wheelchair accessible, lead to the ocean bluffs; electric carts for use by guests are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Fee for garden entry; no fee for beach access. Open year round except major holidays. Call: 707-964-4352.

- Towering rhododendrons bloom in spring
- Picnicking on the grounds is allowed
- There are stunning views of rocky coves and surf

BELINDA POINT: *17410 Ocean Dr., S. of Fort Bragg.* Turn west from Hwy. One onto Ocean Dr., eight-tenths of a mile south of the Hwy. 20 intersection. Continue another eight-tenths of a mile to the signed trailhead on the right; shoulder parking. A half-mile-long trail leads to a bluff-top walkway and stairs to a rocky cove beach. Call: 707-962-0470.



Point Cabrillo Light Station



Mendocino County

Point Cabrillo Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Path to Beach		•	•														•		
Jefferson Way		•	•														•		
Jug Handle State Natural Reserve	•	•	•														•	•	
Jughandle Creek Farm and Nature Center			•		•							•	•	•			•	•	•
Cantus Cove		•	•																
Caspar Creek Vista Point																	•		
Caspar Headlands State Beach	•						•										•		
Caspar Headlands State Natural Reserve		•	•				•												
Point Cabrillo Light Station		•	•							•	•	•	•				•	•	
Russian Gulch State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•				•	•	•

PATH TO BEACH: *Ocean Dr. near Hwy. One, 2 mi. N. of Caspar Creek.* Park on west side of Ocean Dr., near Pine Beach Inn sign; walk through shore pines to part of Jug Handle State Natural Reserve. No facilities.

JEFFERSON WAY: *W. of Hwy. One, 1.8 mi. N. of Caspar Creek.* At west end of Jefferson Way, trails lead to pocket beaches within Jug Handle State Natural Reserve.

JUG HANDLE STATE NATURAL RESERVE: *E. and W. of Hwy. One, 1 mi. N. of Caspar Creek.* Sandy cove beach; trails lead inland to unusual pygmy forest. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Brochures for self-guided tour at the picnic area

JUGHANDLE CREEK FARM AND NATURE CENTER: *E. of Hwy. One, .9 mi. N. of Caspar Creek.* Nonprofit nature education center offers overnight stays in a red Victorian farmhouse, cabins, and a campground. Private rooms, with shared bathrooms and kitchens. Path to beach. The farmhouse, campground, and some trails are wheelchair accessible. Call: 707-964-4630.

CANTUS COVE: *.1 mi. from Pacifica Dr. and Caspar Rd., Caspar.* From Caspar Rd. walk west 200 yards to 45350 Pacifica Dr.; trail-head is unsigned. Head north past a split rail fence on your

right and cypress grove on your left, then west to scenic overlook.

CASPAR CREEK VISTA POINT: *W. side of Hwy. One at Caspar Creek.* Southbound pull-out with views.

CASPAR HEADLANDS STATE BEACH: *At Doyle Creek, off Pt. Cabrillo Dr., S. of Caspar.* Sandy beach along Pt. Cabrillo Dr.; no facilities. Caspar Beach RV Park, on the inland side of Pt. Cabrillo Dr., offers RV and tent sites; convenience store, laundry, and hot showers. Call: 707-964-3306.

CASPAR HEADLANDS STATE NATURAL RESERVE: *End of Headlands Dr. off S. Caspar Dr., S. of Caspar.* Public shoreline is interspersed with private property; do not trespass. No facilities. Call: 707-937-5804.

POINT CABRILLO LIGHT STATION: *Pt. Cabrillo Dr., 2 mi. N. of Mendocino.* Restored light-house open daily, 11 AM–4 PM; grounds open sunrise–sunset.

From visitor center and parking area, one-half-mile walk to the light station; those with special needs may park at the light station. Call: 707-937-6122.

RUSSIAN GULCH STATE PARK: *E. and W. of Hwy. One, 2 mi. N. of Mendocino.* Sandy beach with sea-level parking. East of Hwy. One are campgrounds, including sites for groups and equestrians. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275; reservations for equestrian sites available only through state parks district headquarters. Summertime reservations strongly recommended; campground closed from late October to early April. For park information, call: 707-937-5804.

- Rock fishing and diving
- Kayak launch spot
- Devil's Punchbowl, a collapsed sea cave, surges with seawater at high tide
- Ten miles of trails, some open to bicyclists and equestrians



Point Cabrillo headlands, view north



Mendocino Headlands State Park, Cypress Grove



Mendocino County

Town of Mendocino

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mendocino Headlands State Park	•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•			•	•		
Big River Beach	•		•			•	•	•				•	•		•	•		
Mendocino Bay Overlook		•							•							•		

MENDOCINO HEADLANDS STATE PARK: *Seaward of Mendocino, from Lansing St. and Heeser Dr. to Big River.* The park is located on the ragged-edge marine terrace that surrounds the town of Mendocino on three sides. A trail winds along the bluffs, providing views of sea-stacks, tidepools, and sandy beaches below. At the west end of Main St., a path leads onto a promontory where a blow-hole is located; stairs lead down to small, south-facing sandy Portuguese Beach. Never turn your back on the ocean; sleeper waves can reach higher on the rocks than you might expect.

The visitor center at the historic Ford House has maps, books, and displays; open daily. Docent-led walks are available; picnic tables and restrooms are nearby. Another restroom is located on the north side of the Mendocino Headland, on Heeser Dr. near the Cypress Grove. Call: 707-937-5804. Mendocino has many buildings of historic and architectural interest.

- The Masonic Hall on Lansing St., built in 1865, is topped by an enigmatic sculpture carved from a single block of redwood
- The Temple of Kwan Tai on Albion St., built as early as 1867, served early Chinese settlers
- The Mendocino Art Center on Little Lake St. hosts galleries, performances, garden tours, and more; call: 707-937-5818

BIG RIVER BEACH: *S. of Mendocino.* A broad white sandy beach, part of Mendocino Headlands State Park, extends along the north bank of Big River. The main access is east of Hwy. One; boats can be



Mendocino, Main Street

launched at the far end of the parking area. A beach wheel-chair is available; call: 707-937-5804. Big River Beach can also be reached west of Hwy. One on foot via a stairway south of the historic Presbyterian Church.

Some 7,300 acres of the Big River watershed, much of it formerly logged, have been added to Mendocino Headlands State Park. An old logging road, now a trail, departs the east end of the parking lot at Big River Beach. Hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers permitted; no motor vehicles. For information on summertime guided walks led by Mendocino Land Trust docents, call: 707-962-0470.

- Boating
- Fishing
- Wildlife viewing

■ The mouth of Big River is sometimes a good surfing spot

MENDOCINO BAY OVERLOOK: *Off Road 500B, W. of Hwy. One, S. of Mendocino.* Path to overlook is marked by a brown sign; roadside parking. Fine views of the town of Mendocino from the grassy bluff. Road 500B is also known as Brewery Gulch Road. Additional roadside vista points are farther south along Brewery Gulch Road.



Van Damme State Park



Mendocino County

Van Damme to Navarro River

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Paths to Shoreline		•	•					•								•		
Van Damme State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•				•	•	•
Little River Blowhole Trail			•															
Dark Gulch Beach	•	•	•													•		
Albion River Beach	•			•		•		•					•	•	•	•	•	•
Navarro Blufflands Trail			•				•		•							•		
Navarro Point Preserve			•				•		•							•		
Navarro Beach	•			•			•			•						•	•	•
Navarro River Redwoods State Park	•	•	•	•		•		•								•	•	

PATHS TO SHORELINE: *Hwy. One at Gordon Lane, 1.5 mi. S. of Mendocino.* A trail, part of Van Damme State Park, starts at Hwy. One at dirt parking area opposite Gordon Lane. A second trail starts at a fence opening 200 feet north of Peterson-Headlands Ln.; park on the south side of Peterson-Headlands Ln., just off Hwy. One.

VAN DAMME STATE PARK: *E. and W. of Hwy. One at Little River, 3 mi. S. of Mendocino.* No-fee beach parking is west of Hwy. One. Inland of the highway are a picnic area, visitor center, and camping facilities, including family sites, hike or bike sites, a group campground, and environmental sites reached by trail. Campground open all year; for reservations, call 1-800-444-7275. Enroute campsites are available in the beach parking lot. Fee charged for camping and park day use. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Visitor center open weekends, year round
- Hiking trail through Fern Canyon
- Divers and kayakers enjoy easy equipment transport from sea-level parking area
- Self-guided, wheelchair-accessible pygmy forest trail is off Little River Rd., east of the county airport

LITTLE RIVER BLOWHOLE TRAIL: *W. of Hwy. One, N. of Little River cemetery.* Trail starts at north fenceline of cemetery

and leads to giant sinkhole. Stay back from the edge.

DARK GULCH BEACH: *Hwy. One, Dark Gulch.* Limited roadside parking (south-bound) at milepost 45.24 along tall wooden fence; walk seaward between low fences to sand-and-cobble beach.

ALBION RIVER BEACH: *Albion flats, W. of Albion River Campground.* Park near the Albion River Campground café, then walk under the bridge to sandy river beach. Albion River Campground offers RV and tent camping, restrooms with showers, and boat launch. Fees for camping or day use; no charge for pedestrians headed for Albion River Beach. Call: 707-937-0606. The separate Schooner's Landing Campground offers RV camping, boat launch and dock, and picnicking; call: 707-937-5707.

NAVARRO BLUFFLANDS TRAIL: *Off Hwy. One, N. of Navarro Ridge Road.* Half-mile-long trail starts at milepost 42.5; roadside parking. No beach access. Call: 707-962-0470.

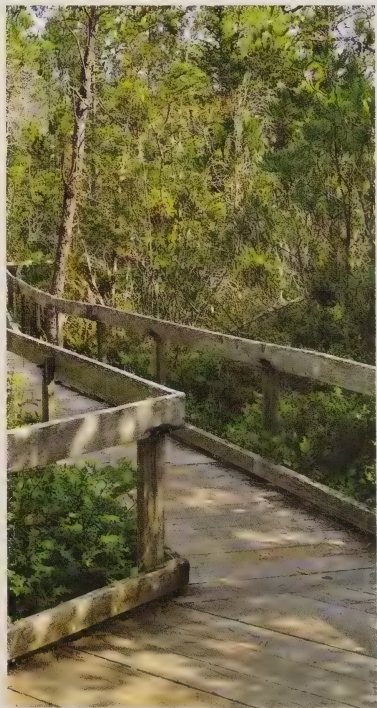
NAVARRO POINT PRESERVE: *Off Hwy. One, 1.7 mi. N. of the junction of Hwy. 128.* Mile-long loop trail starts at parking area at milepost 41.83. Call: 707-962-0470.

NAVARRO BEACH: *W. end of Navarro Beach Road.* Wide sandy beach strewn with driftwood. Picnic area and RV

campsites; no water available. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Visitor center planned in historic Navarro-by-the-Sea structure

NAVARRO RIVER REDWOODS STATE PARK: *Hwy. 128, 2 mi. E. of the junction of Hwy. One.* Pull-outs along Hwy. 128 provide access to the banks of the Navarro River. On Hwy. 128 eight miles east of Hwy. One is the Paul Dimmick Campground, which also has day-use picnic areas in a redwood grove along the river. Call: 707-937-5804.



Van Damme State Park



Manchester State Park, Kinney Road entrance



Mendocino County

Elk to Manchester State Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Greenwood State Beach	•	•	•				•	•		•		•				•	•		
Mallo Pass Creek Vista Point																	•		
Alder Creek Beach	•							•		•									
Manchester State Park	•		•		•				•								•	•	
Manchester Beach KOA					•					•	•		•	•			•	•	•
Stoneboro Road	•	•								•								•	

GREENWOOD STATE BEACH:

Hwy. One at Greenwood Creek, Elk. Picnic area is on the bluff. An old road leads down to the sandy beach, where there are additional picnic tables. Day use only. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Beach is popular kayak launch site; visitors roll small boats on carts down the road
- Greenwood Beach Visitor Center and Museum has an eclectic collection of historic artifacts and is open on weekends, 11 AM–1 PM
- North of Elk on Hwy. One at milepost 37.0 is Peg and John Frankel Trail, one-third-mile long and part of California Coastal Trail

MALLO PASS CREEK VISTA POINT:

W. of Hwy. One, .2 mi. N. of Irish Beach subdivision. Paved parking with coastal views.

ALDER CREEK BEACH:

End of Alder Creek Beach Rd., W. of Hwy. One, 7 mi. N. of Point Arena. Alder Creek Beach Rd. is at Hwy. One milepost 22.48; road closed to vehicles but open to pedestrians. Steep path to the northern end of Manchester State Park. Day use only. Call: 707-882-2463.

- Horseback riding on the beach

MANCHESTER STATE PARK:

W. of Hwy. One, from Alder Creek to just N. of Pt. Arena. The state park includes more than three miles of driftwood-strewn sandy shoreline. From Hwy. One, the park can be reached on Alder Creek, Kinney, and Stoneboro roads. Main entrance is on Kinney Rd., where there are day-use and camping facilities.

A picnic area is at the end of the road, along with restrooms and a quarter-mile flat trail to the beach. Restrictions on beach use may be in effect during the breeding season of snowy plovers. Call: 707-882-2463.

The campground offers tent and RV camping and a hike or bike site. Fire pits, chemical toilets, running water, RV dump station; no showers. RVs up to 30 feet allowed; trailers up to 22 feet. One mile east of the main park entrance are an additional nine primitive walk-in sites. Dogs on leash allowed in the campground; horses not permitted. Fee for camping.

- Fishing for steelhead in Brush Creek and Alder

Creek; check Dept. of Fish and Wildlife regulations

MANCHESTER BEACH KOA:

Off Kinney Rd., E. of Manchester State Park. Privately operated facility, including 135 campsites for tents or RVs (some with partial or full hookups), cabins and cottages, showers, swimming pool, volleyball, disc golf, game room, and laundry. For reservations, call: 1-800-562-4188. For information, call: 707-882-2375.

STONEBORO ROAD: *End of Stoneboro Rd., W. of Hwy. One, 4.5 mi. N. of Point Arena.* Dirt parking area; path leads through dunes to the beach. Day use only. Part of Manchester State Park; for information, call: 707-882-2463.



Greenwood State Beach



Point Arena Headland



Mendocino County

Point Arena to Hearn Gulch

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Point Arena Lighthouse									•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Point Arena Headland		•	•						•	•							•		
Garcia River Access			•																
Arena Cove		•				•			•			•	•			•	•	•	
Moat Creek Beach		•	•													•	•		
Bowling Ball Beach	•	•	•																
Schooner Gulch State Beach	•	•	•						•	•						•	•		
Overlook									•								•		
Hearn Gulch	•	•							•								•		

POINT ARENA LIGHTHOUSE: *End of Lighthouse Rd., W. of Hwy. One.* The 115-foot-tall lighthouse was built in 1870. Panoramic views from the top; guided tours available. Open daily, 10:00 AM–3:30 PM (until 4:30 PM during the summer); closed on major holidays. The visitor center and gift shop are wheelchair accessible. Call: 707-882-2809.

- Popular place to spot migrating gray whales, November–early May
- Lodging available on site

POINT ARENA HEADLAND: *2 mi. N. of Point Arena, W. of Hwy. One.* Two miles of shoreline surrounding Point Arena Lighthouse are managed by the Bureau of Land Management. There is access to the shoreline from Lighthouse Rd., 1.3 miles from Hwy. One. Additional access to public lands on the east side of Lighthouse Rd. is immediately outside the lighthouse entry gate. Motor vehicles, bicycles, and camping are prohibited. Call: 707-468-4000. The headland is a planned addition to the California Coastal National Monument, which comprises small islands, reefs, and rocks.

- Hiking
- Equestrian use
- Wildlife observation

GARCIA RIVER ACCESS: *2.4 mi. N. of Point Arena, W. of Hwy. One.* Unimproved Miner Hole Rd. leads from Hwy.

One to a turn-around on the south bank of the river. A half-hidden path leads to the riverbank. No facilities.

ARENA COVE: *End of Iversen Ave./Port Rd., 1 mi. W. of Hwy. One, Point Arena.* Pier has a boat hoist and fish cleaning tables. Call: 707-882-2583.

- Pier fishing
- Restaurants and lodging are adjacent

MOAT CREEK BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 2 mi. S. of Point Arena.* Short trail to a rocky beach; a separate loop trail leads south from the parking area along the bluff. Day use only.

BOWLING BALL BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 3.7 mi. S. of Point Arena.* Located midway between Moat Creek Beach and Schooner Gulch Beach, with no direct public access of its own. At low tide, walk north along the shoreline from Schooner Gulch State Beach.

■ During minus tides, round rocks and straight grooves like bowling lanes make a great photo opportunity

SCHOONER GULCH STATE BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One at Schooner Gulch Rd., 3.8 mi. S. of Point Arena.* Park on the shoulder of Hwy. One, southbound, opposite Schooner Gulch Road. Trail leads to the beach. Day use only. Call: 707-937-5804.

- Picnicking
- Fishing
- Surfing

OVERLOOK: *W. of Hwy. One, milepost 10.52.* Paved parking; fine views.

HEARN GULCH: *W. of Hwy. One, N. of Iversen Rd., 5.5 mi. N. of Anchor Bay.* Roadside pull-out at Hwy. One milepost 10.0. Steep trail to a white-sand beach.

- Launch spot for experienced kayakers and divers
- Saunders Reef offshore is a popular surfing destination



View from Garcia River toward Point Arena Lighthouse



Gualala Bluff Trail



Mendocino County

Anchor Bay to Gualala

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Fish Rock Beach	•	•			•				•	•						•	•	•	•
Collins Landing		•	•						•										
St. Orres Creek	•	•																	
Bonham Trail to Cook's Beach	•		•							•							•		
Gualala River						•	•	•											
Gualala Bluff Trail			•					•				•					•		

FISH ROCK BEACH: *At Anchor Bay Campground, .2 mi. N. of town of Anchor Bay.* Public beach access and camping are available at the privately owned Anchor Bay Campground. The sandy beach has scattered rocks and tidepools. The campground has 30 overnight sites with picnic tables and firepits; most have water hookups, and some have electrical hookups. Coin-operated showers, fish-cleaning house, and a dive-gear wash area. Fee for day use or camping. Call: 707-884-4222.

- Fishing
- Abalone diving
- Trail climbs the bluff to the village of Anchor Bay

COLLINS LANDING: *At Serenisea Lodge, 1.7 mi. S. of town of Anchor Bay.* Steep trail and stairs are at the north end of the

Serenisea Lodge. Public use of the accessway requires the permission of the Serenisea Lodge management; the lodge office, open 9 AM–8 PM daily, adjacent to the accessway. For information, call: 707-884-3836.

ST. ORRES CREEK: *Hwy. One, 2.5 mi. N. of Gualala.* A very steep, unimproved path at St. Orres Creek leads down to a cove beach, starting on the road shoulder at milepost 3.30.

BONHAM TRAIL TO COOK'S BEACH: *Hwy. One, milepost 3.10, 2.3 mi. N. of Gualala.* The beach is accessible from the northern end of the old Coast Highway frontage road, signed CR 526, opposite the onion-domed St. Orres Inn. Nice blufftop views of the beach. A path leads downhill to the sandy cove known as Cook's Beach, with abundant driftwood.

Limited shoulder parking; no facilities. Call: 707-884-4426.

GUALALA RIVER: *W. of Hwy. One at Gualala.* Access to the river mouth is available from Gualala Point Regional Park on the south bank of the river.

GUALALA BLUFF TRAIL: *Hwy. One, at Gualala.* A path runs along the bluff on the river side of Gualala's commercial strip; benches and picnic tables are along the trail. Park in town; pedestrian access from Hwy. One is via the driveway through the Surf Motel or through the Sea Cliff Center complex. For information, call: 707-884-4426.

- Lovely views of the Gualala River mouth
- River otters can sometimes be spotted cavorting on the beach below



Cook's Beach



Monterey Beach cleanup

COASTWEEKS is the name of California's annual celebration of coastal and water resources. Originally taking place during a single week, the event has grown to span a three-week period every September and consists of a wide range of activities related to the coast, including hikes, fun runs, boat cruises, storytelling for children, open houses at nature centers, and habitat restoration. For information on Coastweeks (including a state-wide calendar of local events) and other environmental stewardship programs available year round, see: www.coast4u.org.

The kick-off to Coastweeks is California Coastal Cleanup Day, which takes place each year on the third Saturday of September. On that day Californians turn out en masse to help keep beaches, shorelines, and inland bodies of water free of debris. On a typical Coastal Cleanup Day during the three-hour event some 70,000 volunteers pitch in at over 800 sites around the state and remove some 770,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches and shorelines. Similar events take place

around the world on the same day as part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by Ocean Conservancy and billed as the world's largest volunteer event.

At Coastal Cleanup Day events, everyone is invited to participate. Some sites have beach wheelchairs available for those who need them. Age is no limit; participating in a beach cleanup is a great way for children to learn the importance of caring for the environment. Educational materials for teachers and parents are available from the California Coastal Commission, the state-wide coordinator of Coastal Cleanup Day. The Cleanup is a chance for an annual celebration of California beaches and inland waterways; many sites provide free entertainment and snacks, and everyone goes home with a feeling of accomplishment.

Volunteers clean up every piece of human-created trash they find, even the small ones. Naturally occurring material is left where it is, including kelp, wood, seagrasses, and other once-living material. This "beach wrack" should be left in place because it provides a

valuable food source and habitat for beach hoppers, beetles, small invertebrates, and shorebirds that make the beach their home. Data collection is a big part of the Coastal Cleanup effort. Recording the day's finds on cards is a way to take an annual snapshot of the types and location of litter that fouls the environment. The data is used by policy makers and educators working on solutions to the marine debris problem.

Coastal Cleanup Day, which was created by the California Coastal Commission in 1985, is built on partnerships among state agencies, local government, and nonprofit organizations. These groups coordinate the Cleanup in communities throughout California, recruiting volunteers, building local support, and choosing cleanup sites. In Mendocino County, the Mendocino Land Trust has served as the local coordinator for Coastal Cleanup Day. The Mendocino Land Trust is one among many such community-based organizations along the California coast that actively promote stewardship of public beaches. The Land Trust not only provides local resources for Coastal Cleanup Day, but also manages coastal access paths and facilities that enable residents and visitors to enjoy the spectacular Mendocino County coast. The Land Trust provides maps and signs to make it easy to find trails and beaches and organizes volunteer work crews to maintain the trails and facilities year round. For more about the activities of the Mendocino Land Trust, see: www.mendocinolandtrust.org.

If late September is not the right time to participate in a stewardship effort, consider joining the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach® program. School groups, service organizations, businesses, Scouts, and other entities "adopt" a beach, meaning that they commit to cleaning

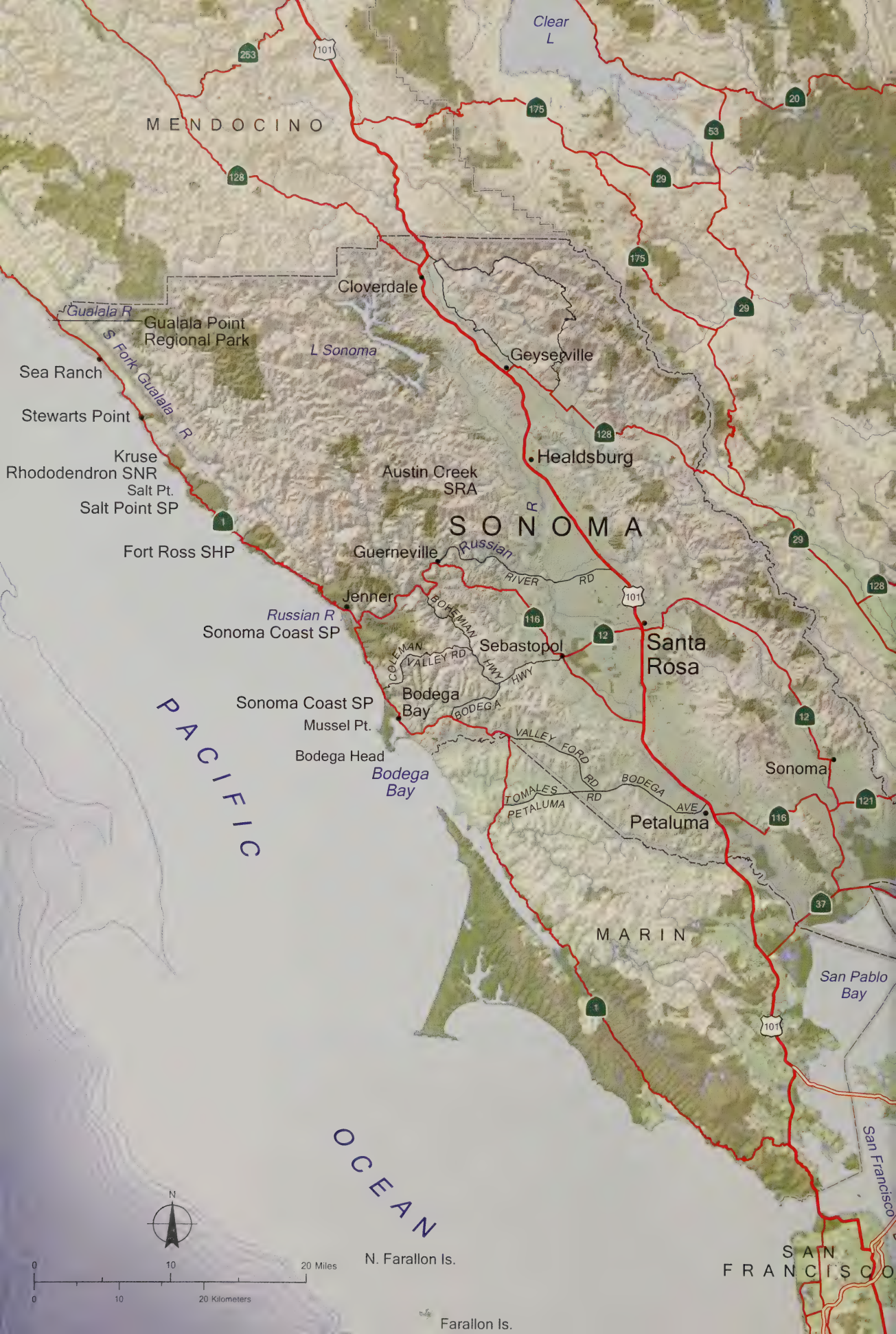
it at least three times each year. School groups can meet their obligation by cleaning the beach one time. For volunteers, the program engenders a deep sense of connection with "their" beach. After all, every beach in California is "ours," making volunteer cleanup efforts all the more appropriate.

Picking up litter is one thing, but nipping the problem at the source is equally important. Litter tossed on the ground, gardening products applied too generously, and oil that leaks from a car all can find their way to the beach and the ocean. Picking up after one's pet, depositing litter properly, and in other ways minimizing one's contribution to what is called "non-point source pollution" is the means by which everyone can participate in restoring the health of the coastal environment. Boaters can help by depositing waste and bilgewater at appropriate facilities; for information on the Boating Clean and Green program, see: www.dbw.parks.ca.gov/.

Beach cleanups, creation of coastal access trails, habitat restoration efforts, and marine education programs are supported by the California Coastal Commission's and the State Coastal Conservancy's WHALE TAIL® License Plate Program. Purchase of a WHALE TAIL® plate generates funds that benefit coastal conservation, education, and recreation efforts. Recipients of WHALE TAIL® funds are schools, government entities, or nonprofit community-based organizations such as the Mendocino Land Trust. The Mendocino Land Trust was a recipient of a WHALE TAIL® grant that funded informational materials about safe and sustainable collection of abalone, produced in seven languages in order to reach a diverse audience of abalone harvesters. For information on WHALE TAIL® license plates and examples of programs supported by the plates, see: www.ecoplates.com.



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Sebastopol

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Sonoma Coast SP
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Salt Point State Park

SONOMA COUNTY

ALONG THE Sonoma County coast are numerous highway pull-outs and parks that provide views and access to beaches and trails. Between Jenner and Fort Ross, Hwy. One climbs to an elevation of over 600 feet above sea level, among the loftiest points anywhere on California's scenic coastal roadway. From this vantage point the sea seems larger than ever. The Sonoma coast is unstable ground; if you look closely you can see evidence of past landslides, some of which have resulted in periodic closure of Hwy. One.

Photograph wildflowers

In springtime, the forest near Salt Point is brightened by huge pink blooms of native rhododendrons scattered among the redwood, Douglas-fir, grand fir, and tanbark-oak trees. Some of the rhododendrons themselves are tree-like in size. A particularly good display can be found at Kruse Rhododendron State Natural Reserve, located less than one-half mile east of Hwy. One on Kruse Ranch Road. A major forest fire burned the area over a century ago, letting in bright sunshine and

encouraging the rhododendrons to grow and bloom more vigorously. Second-growth redwoods and other trees have gradually shaded the forest floor, as part of the natural succession of plant species. State parks managers have thinned the tanbark-oaks to offset this effect, however, and the floral display remains spectacular, with May being the peak month. Five miles of trails await visitors; dogs are not allowed, and the narrow entry road is not recommended for RVs.

From late winter into spring, blue or purple Douglas iris are in bloom seemingly everywhere along the Sonoma coast. Along bluff-top trails at Salt Point State Park are miniature flower gardens of golden California poppies, yellow tidytips, sea pinks, scarlet Indian paintbrush, and blue lupine. Flowers on the ocean bluffs are generally low in stature, due to prevailing breezes. For taking photos of wildflowers, a dewy, overcast morning can provide better results than a windy afternoon with sunlight and strong shadows. A delightful vantage point, with wildflowers scattered about, is reached from the main parking

area at Bodega Head. Hike north on the Overlook Trail; high ground provides great views of the rocky coast and Bodega Harbor.

Hike the coast

Hiking is excellent in state and county parks on the Sonoma County coast. Some destinations, in fact, are reachable only by trail. Start at Stump Beach Cove and proceed down to the rocky beach, backed by cliffs. In springtime, pelagic cormorants nest in niches on the near-vertical walls and can be seen skimming over the water in search of fish. Hike north along the trail to Fisk Mill Cove, a distance of two miles. Or skirt south of Stump Beach Cove and take the Salt Point Trail to Gerstle Cove, about one and one-quarter miles.

Another fine hike starts at Goat Rock within Sonoma Coast State Park. Proceed south to Shell Beach, where the choice is to either continue along the bluff to Duncans Landing or head east, up and over Red Hill, into the Willow Creek watershed. At Bodega Head, a mile-long loop trail overlooks offshore Bodega Rock, where sea lions haul out and pelagic and Brandt's cormorants roost. Hikers can also head north via trail through Sonoma Coast State Park as far as the Salmon Creek area. Parts of the Sonoma Coast can be reached only on a docent-led hike. The Upper

Willow Creek watershed, slated for eventual addition to Sonoma Coast State Park, is open to hikers on a permit basis through the nonprofit LandPaths; call: 707-524-9318. Access to the Jenner Headlands Preserve is through the Wildlands Conservancy; call: 707-328-8539 or 707-696-3263.

See striking rock formations

The rocks exposed along the shoreline at Salt Point State Park reveal dramatic changes through time. These rocks were deposited 40–60 million years ago in a deep marine basin located some 350 miles south of their current position. They were transported to their present location by movement along the San Andreas Fault over the last 15–20 million years. The rocks consist of sediments that were cemented together by heat and pressure. The nature of the rocks depends on the size of the sediment grains: pebbles and gravels become conglomerates, sand becomes sandstone, and mud becomes shale.

Along the Salt Point Trail north of Gerstle Cove the layers of sedimentary rocks line the shore, with giant blocks tilted like building foundations gone askew. In fact, stone was once quarried here for use in construction projects in 19th-century San



Trail north to Stump Beach Cove



Sandstone tafoni, north of Gerstle Cove

Francisco. Weathering of the sandstones has resulted in a beautiful, honeycomb-like formation known as tafoni, especially prominent at Gerstle Cove.

Paddle a canoe

Canoeing on the **Russian River** is a long-time tradition. **Burke's Canoe Trips** in Forestville rents equipment for summertime self-guided canoe tours up to ten miles downstream with pickup and return by shuttle; call: 707-887-1222. Or you can rent a kayak or arrange a trip with **WaterTreks** at **Jenner**, either to start at the mouth of the river or via shuttle upriver followed by a lazy paddle downstream. For information, call; 707-865-2249. Canoes, kayaks, and other watercraft can be rented also from vendors in Forestville, Guerneville, and Duncans Mills.

Other attractions

The **Bodega Bay Fisherman's Festival**, now in its fifth decade, includes a festive boat parade and blessing of the fleet in recognition of the dangers of going to sea. The event is held in April, traditionally the opening of the ocean salmon fishing season. Musical entertainment, Coast Guard rescue demonstrations, and food and wine-tasting are part of the festivities, all to benefit local community services. For information, see: www.bbfishfest.org/.

Information about whale-watching trips and fishing excursions for salmon, halibut, rockcod, lingcod, or crabs is available at the Sportfishing Center next to **Porto Bodega** in Bodega Bay. To contact Bodega Bay Sport Fishing, call: 707-875-3344; for Miss Anita Fishing Charters, call: 707-875-3474.



Walk-On Beach blufftop



Sonoma County

Northern Sonoma County

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Gualala Point Regional Park	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Salal Trail		•																	
Sea Ranch Blufftop Trail		•	•				•			•									
Walk-On Beach Trail			•							•						•	•	•	
Shell Beach	•	•	•				•			•						•	•	•	
Stengel Beach	•	•	•							•						•	•	•	
Pebble Beach	•	•	•							•						•	•	•	
Black Point Beach	•		•							•									



Shell Beach

GUALALA POINT REGIONAL PARK: Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of Gualala. The park's day-use facilities are west of Hwy. One. Visitor center with changing exhibits is open weekends, Memorial Day–Labor Day. Fee for day use and camping. For park information, call: 707-785-2377.

- The park's campground, including a hike or bike campsite, is east of Hwy. One. Coin-operated hot shower available; no RV hookups. For camping reservations, call: 707-565-2267.
- Access to the beach at the Gualala River mouth and to Sea Ranch Blufftop Trail
- Wheelchair-accessible trail leads seaward from visitor center parking area

SALAL TRAIL: Hwy. One, .2 mi. S. of Gualala Point Regional Park entrance. Trail leads along a thickly vegetated creek to the bluff above the ocean, intersecting with the Sea Ranch Blufftop Trail. No parking at the trailhead on Hwy. One.

SEA RANCH BLUFFTOP TRAIL: W. of Hwy. One starting at Gualala Point Regional Park. Trail winds south along the bluff edge from Gualala Point Regional Park a distance of three miles to the Walk-On Beach Trail. Sea Ranch residences are nearby; respect private property.

- Spectacular views of the rocky coast
 - Del Mar Landing State Marine Reserve lies offshore; all living marine resources are protected
- WALK-ON BEACH TRAIL:** Hwy. One, 2.5 mi. S. of Gualala. Trail leads one-quarter mile from the parking area to the bluff near Walk-On Beach. Due to bluff erosion, access to Walk-On Beach is not available. The Sea Ranch Blufftop Trail leads north to Gualala Point Regional Park. Call: 707-785-2377.

SHELL BEACH: Hwy. One, 3.7 mi. S. of Gualala. Half-mile-long trail leads to a fine sand beach. Offshore rocks shelter the ocean waters here.

- Harbor seals haul out on the beach

STENGEL BEACH: Hwy. One, 5 mi. S. of Gualala. Small parking area; beach access via short trail and wooden stairs.

PEBBLE BEACH: Hwy. One, 6.7 mi. S. of Gualala. Small parking lot next to Hwy. One. Quarter-mile-long trail leads to a secluded beach, paved with fine pebbles.

BLACK POINT BEACH: Hwy. One, 8.1 mi. S. of Gualala. Trail leads one-quarter mile to bluff edge. High wooden stairs provide access down the cliff to a long curving sandy beach.

Keep in Mind

Beaches at Sea Ranch belong to the public. Trails provide access to the beaches.

Trails within the development that are open to public use are marked, and other trails are private.

All roads in the Sea Ranch are private; do not trespass.



Salt Point State Park, blufftop trail north of Gerstle Cove



Sonoma County

Salt Point to Ocean Cove

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Salt Point State Park	•	•	•		•	•		•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	
Horseshoe Point		•	•					•											
Fisk Mill Cove		•	•					•				•				•	•		
Stump Beach Cove	•	•	•					•								•	•		
Gerstle Cove		•	•	•				•		•		•	•			•	•	•	
Ocean Cove		•		•				•		•						•	•	•	•

SALT POINT STATE PARK: *Hwy. One, 18 mi. N. of Jenner.* Day-use and camping facilities on 6,000 acres, with mixed-conifer forest, grasslands, rocky shore, and sandy beach. There is even an underwater park. Salt Point State Park includes all the land between Hwy. One and the sea for a distance of six miles, as well as much of the area inland to the top of the ridge. In the campground RVs are limited to 31 feet long; trailers to 27 feet. Family and group campsites can be reserved; call: 1-800-444-7275. Hike or bike sites and overflow camping are first-come, first served. For information on park facilities, call: 707-847-3221.

- Twenty miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians
- Unusual pygmy forest with stunted cypress, pine, and redwood trees
- Fishing and abalone diving allowed except at Gerstle Cove and Stewarts Point State Marine Reserves

HORSESHOE POINT: *Hwy. One, .5 to 1.5 mi. N. of Fisk Mill Cove park entrance.* Trail at Hwy. One mile-post 43.06 leads to the ocean bluff through bishop pine forest.

- Spring and summer wildflowers grow on the bluffs
- Near Horseshoe Cove is a surf break known as Secrets

FIK MILL COVE: *2.7 mi. N. of Gerstle Cove park entrance.* Wind-sheltered picnic areas. A viewing platform atop Sentinel Rock is at the north end of the parking area.

STUMP BEACH COVE: *Hwy. One, 1.2 mi. N. of Gerstle Cove park entrance.* Sandy cove beach ringed by sandstone cliffs. Picnic tables near the parking lot.

- Pelagic cormorants nest in springtime in niches on the cliffs

GERSTLE COVE: *Hwy. One, 7 mi. N. of Fort Ross.* Picnic and day use facilities. A mile-long trail leads north along the bluff to Stump Beach Cove. Trails also connect to the much larger area of the state park east of Hwy. One. The inner cove is part of a state marine reserve where no marine life may be taken or disturbed. Visitor center open weekends, April–October.

- Harbor seals haul out on the rocks offshore
- Tafoni, a honeycomb-like sandstone formation, is prominent at Gerstle Cove

OCEAN COVE: *Hwy. One, 5 mi. N. of Fort Ross.* Privately owned bluff and beach with a boat ramp and campground. Some 100 RV or tent campsites are on the ocean bluff or in the forest; firepits, picnic tables, hot showers, and chemical toilets. Reservations taken for group campsites. Pay camping and day-use fees at the grocery store. Closed in winter. Call: 707-847-3422.

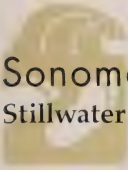
- Fishing
- Diving



Gerstle Cove and visitor center



Stillwater Cove Regional Park



Sonoma County

Stillwater Cove to Russian Gulch

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Stillwater Cove Regional Park		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
Timber Cove Campground		•			•	•	•	•	•	•						•	•	•	
Windermere Point		•															•		
Fort Ross State Historic Park	•	•	•		•						•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Fort Ross Reef Campground and Beach		•			•											•	•	•	
Vista Trail			•										•			•	•		
Russian Gulch	•	•														•	•		

STILLWATER COVE REGIONAL

PARK: Hwy. One, 4 mi. N. of Fort Ross. Day use and camping inland of Hwy. One; an unpaved trail leads to the beach. Campsites are in the forest, including a hike or bike site. Some sites improved for disabled access. Coin-operated showers for use by campers, electrical outlets, and a dump station; no RV hookups. For camping reservations, call: 707-565-2267. For park information, call: 707-847-3245.

- A pull-out one-quarter mile north of the Stillwater Cove Regional Park entrance adjoins an unimproved park area. A path leads along the bluff edge, with views of the coves below.
- Kayak launch at the cove
- Half-mile trail leads to the historic Fort Ross schoolhouse, built around 1885

TIMBER COVE CAMPGROUND:

1 mi. N. of Fort Ross. Privately operated campground and beach access point. Kayak launch spot; bait and tackle. Call: 707-847-3278.

- Nearby Timber Cove Inn is the site of a Beniamino Bufano statue, *Peace*

WINDERMERE POINT:

Off Hwy. One, 1 mi. W. of Fort Ross Store. Gravel parking and blufftop views. Part of Fort Ross State Historic Park.

FORT ROSS STATE HISTORIC PARK: Hwy. One, 11 mi. N. of Jenner. More than 3,000 acres of coastal bluff, beaches, and forest,



Fort Ross State Historic Park

along with the settlement site of native peoples and 19th-century Russian traders. Fort Ross State Historic Park includes the Rotchev House, built in 1836, is original construction. The visitor center contains exhibits on local history and a bookstore with a collection on Russian history; call: 707-847-3437.

Day-use beach access is near the fort in the coves where Ross Colony workers built ships and ranchers once shipped out bulk cargo using a 180-foot-long chute from the blufftop. Inland of Hwy. One, Fort Ross Rd. climbs 1,400 feet up the ridge, past the old Russian orchard of apple, plum, and pear trees and the Stanley S. Spyra Memorial Redwood Grove. For park hours and information, call: 707-847-3286.

- Picnic sites are near the visitor center, in the fort, and next to the historic Call Ranch House

FORT ROSS REEF CAMPGROUND AND BEACH:

Hwy. One, 10 mi. N. of Jenner. Campground entrance is 1.6 miles south of the main entrance to Fort Ross State Historic Park. Primitive campsites with tables, stoves, and food lockers; drinking water available. No reservations taken. Large RVs not advisable, due to limited turning space. Separate day-use parking area; trail to rocky beach.

VISTA TRAIL: Hwy. One, 4.5 mi. N. of Jenner. High-elevation views from a paved loop trail. Picnic area.

RUSSIAN GULCH: Hwy. One, 3 mi. N. of Jenner. Cove beach bounded by cliffs, reached by a short trail. Call: 707-875-3483.



Jenner Visitor Center



Sonoma County

Russian River and Willow Creek

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Jenner Headlands Preserve			•																
North Jenner Beaches	•	•	•														•		
Jenner Visitor Center					•					•		•	•				•	•	
Vista Points							•										•		
Duncans Mills Camping Club	•																		•
Casini Ranch Family Campground	•			•		•		•		•	•						•	•	•
Willow Creek			•	•				•					•				•	•	•

JENNER HEADLANDS PRESERVE: *E. side of Hwy. One, N. of Jenner.* Open space managed by the Wildlands Conservancy. Access only by docent-led hikes; call: 707-328-8539 or 707-696-3263. Construction of California Coastal Trail segment and parking facilities anticipated by late 2014.

NORTH JENNER BEACHES: *W. side of Hwy. One, N. of Jenner.* Sonoma Coast State Park includes the coast from Russian Gulch to the Russian River. Pull-outs at Hwy. One milepost 23.17 and 23.82 lead to unimproved trails across the bluff, but no safe beach access. Pull-outs farther south provide access down a low bluff to a river-mouth beach.

JENNER VISITOR CENTER: *Hwy. One at mouth of Russian River.* Volunteer-run center with displays about the Sonoma coast and a bookshop. Open most days, 10 AM–4 PM. For information, call: 707-865-9757.

- Small-boat launch area
- Picnic tables

VISTA POINTS: *Hwy. One, Jenner to Bridgehaven.* Pull-outs along Hwy. One offer views of the Russian River estuary and Penny Island.

- Ospreys nest in the tops of trees along the river banks and can be seen fishing at the river mouth

DUNCANS MILLS CAMPING CLUB: *Hwy. 116, Duncans Mills.* Private, membership-only campground on the north bank



North Jenner Beach, Russian River mouth

of the Russian River. Public day use of the river beach allowed; fee charged. Park outside the campground and walk in. Call: 707-865-3181.

CASINI RANCH FAMILY CAMPGROUND: *Moscow Rd., .75 mi. E. of Hwy. 116, Duncans Mills.* Privately operated facility offers camping and river beach access on the south side of the Russian River. Picnic tables and restrooms are at the beach. Campground includes tent sites and RV sites with hookups. General store, playground, and recreation hall. Call: 1-800-451-8400.

WILLOW CREEK: *Willow Creek Rd., off Hwy. One.* Turn east off Hwy. One just south of the Russian River bridge to reach the Willow Creek area of Sonoma Coast State Park. Willow Creek

and Pomo Canyon environmental campgrounds are open seasonally, first-come, first-served; for current status, call: 707-875-3483. Willow Creek campground is on Willow Creek Rd. near a rocky river beach, one-half mile east of Hwy. One. Pomo Canyon campsites are two miles farther along Willow Creek Rd. in a redwood grove. At Pomo Canyon, campers must carry gear from the parking area, about one-quarter mile. One campsite near the parking area is wheelchair accessible. Picnic tables and fire rings; running water nearby.

- Three-mile-long trail from Pomo Canyon Campground over the hills to Shell Beach
- Upper Willow Creek watershed is open to hikers on a permit basis through the nonprofit LandPaths; for event line, call: 707-524-9318



View of Duncans Cove from Duncans Landing



Sonoma County

Sonoma Coast State Park

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Goat Rock	•	•						•	•			•	•			•	•		
Sonoma Coast State Park	•	•	•		•		•	•	•				•	•			•	•	
Shell Beach	•	•	•						•	•			•				•	•	
Wright's Beach	•		•	•						•							•	•	•
Duncans Landing	•	•						•										•	
Gleason Beach							•											•	
Carrington Coast Ranch			•																
North Salmon Creek Beach	•								•								•	•	
Bodega Dunes	•	•	•	•									•	•			•	•	•

GOAT ROCK: *Goat Rock Rd., off Hwy. One.* Part of Sonoma Coast State Park. Two parking lots are at the end of Goat Rock Rd., one at Goat Rock and another at the mouth of the Russian River. Blind Beach is south of Goat Rock and has its own parking area off Goat Rock Rd.; the Kortum Trail leads south to Shell Beach. Leashed dogs allowed only on Blind Beach.

- Harbor seals haul out at the river mouth; stay well back to avoid disturbing the animals and their pups

SONOMA COAST STATE PARK: *Off Hwy. One, from north of Jenner to Bodega Head.* Twelve miles of coast with numerous beach access points. At some beaches, dogs are allowed on a leash of no more than six feet; check local signs. For park information, call: 707-875-3483.

- Picnic sites at many locations
- Campgrounds are at Wright's Beach, Bodega Dunes, and Willow Creek

SHELL BEACH: *3.5 mi. S. of Jenner.* Stairs to beach. From the parking lot, the Kortum Trail leads north to Goat Rock and south to Wright's Beach. Hike east on the Dr. David C. Joseph Memorial Trail to Pomo Canyon Campground.

WRIGHT'S BEACH: *Along Hwy. One, 6 mi. N. of Bodega Bay.* A picnic area and campsites are located near the



Kortum Trail, north of Shell Beach

beach. There is running water; no shower facilities.

DUNCANS LANDING: *Along Hwy. One, 5 mi. N. of Bodega Bay.* Parking and picnic tables on the bluff; stairs lead to a small sandy beach south of the promontory.

GLEASON BEACH: *Along Hwy. One, 4.5 mi. N. of Bodega Bay.* Blufftop pull-outs at Gleason Beach and Duncans Cove.

- Good views of seabirds roosting on offshore rocks

CARRINGTON COAST RANCH: *Coleman Valley Rd., .3 mi. E. of Hwy. One.* Open space area with hiking entry via permit. Call the Sonoma County Open Space District at 707-565-7360 or the nonprofit LandPaths at 707-524-9318.

NORTH SALMON CREEK BEACH: *Hwy. One, 2.5 mi. N. of Bodega Bay.* Parking area off Hwy. One on a low bluff north of Salmon Creek; stairs to beach.

Keep in Mind

Unpredictable waves can reach up onto beaches or rocks; always keep an eye on the ocean.

A separate parking area at the end of Bean Ave. has been covered by encroaching dunes.

BODEGA DUNES: *Hwy. One, .5 mi. N. of Bodega Bay.* Part of Sonoma Coast State Park. Day-use parking area near the ocean includes a wheelchair-accessible boardwalk. Campground near Bodega Harbor offers 98 campsites, hot showers, and trailer sanitation station. Campsites are wind-sheltered by trees and dunes. Leashed dogs allowed in the Bodega Dunes Campground only.

- Campfire center
- Hiking and equestrian trails through the dunes



Doran Beach Regional Park

Sonoma County

Bodega Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mason's Marina						•		•						•	•	•	•	
Spud Point Marina						•		•			•				•	•	•	
Westside Regional Park				•		•		•	•			•	•		•	•	•	
Bodega Head	•	•	•					•			•				•	•		
Campbell Cove	•						•								•	•		
Porto Bodega						•		•							•	•	•	•
Lucas Wharf								•			•	•			•	•	•	
Bird Walk Coastal Access			•				•		•			•	•		•	•	•	
Doran Beach Regional Park	•	•		•				•	•			•	•		•	•	•	
Pinnacle Gulch and Short Tail Gulch Trails	•	•							•						•	•	•	

MASON'S MARINA: 1820 *Westshore Rd., Bodega Bay.* Private marina with berths, docks, fuel, marine supplies, and snack shop. Call: 707-875-3811.

SPUD POINT MARINA: 1818 *Westshore Rd., Bodega Bay.* The 244-slip marina is shared by commercial and recreational boats. Twenty-four-hour fuel dock, commercial flake-ice machine, hoist, laundromat, and showers.

- Breakwater serves as a public fishing pier where a fishing license is not necessary although catch limits apply

WESTSIDE REGIONAL PARK: *Off Westshore Rd., Bodega Bay.* Day-use boating area with launch ramp; campground with 48 sites, picnic tables, and coin-operated showers. For camping reservations, call: 707-565-2267. For park information, call: 707-875-3540.

BODEGA HEAD: *End of Westshore Rd., Bodega Bay.* The road to Bodega Head forks at the end to two separate parking lots. At the ocean parking lot, take the half-mile trail north to the Horseshoe Cove overlook, the highest promontory on the peninsula.

From the eastern parking lot, follow the trail past the rest-rooms one-half mile to a dramatic view of wave-washed Bodega Rock offshore.

- Pelagic and Brandt's cormorants nest on Bodega Rock

- Memorial to fishermen lost at sea is along the trail
- Whales pass offshore from November to early May

CAMPBELL COVE: *End of Westshore Rd., Bodega Bay.* Sheltered bay beach at the mouth of Bodega Harbor.

PORTO BODEGA: 1500 *Bay Flat Rd., Bodega Bay.* Facilities at the marina include 77-berth boat dock and launch, 57-space RV park with hookups, res-taurant, and tackle shop. Call: 707-875-2354.

LUCAS WHARF: 599 *Coast Hwy. One, Bodega Bay.* Fresh fish market and restaurant; public viewing area on the wharf.

BIRD WALK COASTAL ACCESS: *W. of Hwy. One opposite No. Harbour Way.* Picnic area and trails; one trail leads to Doran Beach Regional Park.

- Look for songbirds, shorebirds, and waterfowl

DORAN BEACH REGIONAL PARK: *Doran Beach Rd., Bodega Bay.* Access to the ocean beach and to the harbor; picnic areas, trails, and boating facilities. Campground open year round; coin-operated showers and trailer sanitation station. Dogs must be leashed. For camping reservations, call: 707-565-2267. For park infor-mation, call: 707-875-3540.

- Fishing off the rock jetty at the end of the sandspit
- Boat launch ramp

PINNACLE GULCH AND SHORT TAIL GULCH TRAILS: *Mockingbird Dr., Bodega Harbour subdivision.* Take S. Harbour Way off Hwy. One, then left on Heron Dr. to Mockingbird Drive. Fee for parking. Half-mile trail to beach. Walk from Pinnacle Gulch parking area one-half mile to Short Tail Gulch trailhead on Osprey Dr.; half-mile trail to beach.



Porto Bodega, charter boat

Discover the Coast after Dark



Bioluminescence, Torrey Pines State Beach, San Diego County

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SOUND of the surf, coastal star-gazing can be a superlative experience, weather permitting. At the Mountain Theater at **Mount Tamalpais State Park** in Marin County, free astronomy evenings offer visitors something more. Volunteers bring telescopes for free looks skyward by everyone, while astronomers describe visible constellations, stars, and planets. The events take place on one Saturday evening each month from April to November. For recorded information and last-minute updates, call: 415-455-5370.

Numerous vendors along the California coast offer boat trips by moonlight. The **Newport Aquatic Center** offers seasonal moonlight kayak tours of Upper Newport Bay; call: 949-646-7725. **Catalina Adventure Tours** offers nighttime boat tours with the scene lit by underwater halogen lamps. For information, call: 877-510-2888.

Sunset and dinner cruises are offered by many vendors in San Francisco Bay and at harbors and marinas that include **Morro Bay**, **Santa Barbara**, **Ventura Harbor**, **Channel Islands Harbor** in Oxnard, **Long Beach**, **Newport Beach**, **Oceanside**, and **San Diego**. On Catalina Island, the **Santa Catalina Island Company** offers after-dark land tours with views of stars and perhaps some nocturnal wildlife. Also on Catalina Island,

nighttime zip-line tours are offered, involving a passage in darkness over the ocean and shoreline. Call: 1-800-322-3434.

Nighttime fishing from shore or piers is possible at many locations along the California coast. Fishing piers that are open 24 hours a day include **Municipal Wharf No. 2** in Monterey, **Port Hueneme Fishing Pier**, **Monstad Pier** at Redondo Beach, the green **Pleasure Pier** at Avalon, **Oceanside Pier** in the city of Oceanside, and **Ocean Beach Municipal Fishing Pier** in San Diego. Many other piers are lighted for evening or early morning fishing. Note that California fishing regulations generally restrict fishing from boats to daytime hours.

California grunion, six-inch-long fish that are found only along southern California and Baja California, participate in a striking nighttime behavior that can be readily observed by visitors. Under cover of darkness following a full or new moon in spring and summer, the grunion flop onto the beach in order to spawn. The fertilized eggs remain in the sand for the next two weeks, until the next cycle of high tides pulls them back to the sea and the larvae hatch. The fish can be taken by anglers with a fishing license, but only during the open season declared by the California Department of Fish and

Wildlife and only using bare hands. For information on fishing along the California coast, see: www.dfg.ca.gov/fishing.

The phenomenon known as bioluminescence occurs sometimes along the California coast, as well as elsewhere in the world's oceans. Dinoflagellates, a type of microscopic algae, or phytoplankton, drift near the ocean's surface in order to gather sunlight for photosynthesis. Dinoflagellates, as well as some jellies, comb jellies, and deep-sea fish, have the ability to emit blue or white flashes of light that are visible after dark. A mass of algae can create a mysterious glow in the water. Bioluminescence can be observed in the waves that break on shore or in the water that swirls around your legs if you wade along the water's edge, especially on a moonless night. Schools of fish or harbor seals swimming through the phytoplankton can create a trail of light in the water. A nighttime dive under a full moon may involve a magical glow from above, while a hand swept through the water leaves a sparkling trail of luminescence.

During periodic population explosions known as "blooms," which take place especially during spring and fall months, the algae are present in large enough numbers to produce the most dramatic effects after dark. Such blooms are known as "red tides," although they are not tides, and the mats of

algae involved are more likely to appear in the daylight as brown rather than red. Red tide algae are toxic to mussels and certain fish, as well as humans or birds that consume them.

At the mouth of the Russian River at Sonoma Coast State Park, WaterTreks Ecotours conducts nighttime bioluminescence tours by kayak during late summer and fall evenings when conditions permit. For information, see: www.watertreks.com. The tours sometimes coincide with the Perseids meteor shower in mid-August, which provides a counterpoint to the flashes of light in the water. While coastal parks, piers, and parking lots may be subject to restricted hours, California's public tidelands are always open.

Nighttime tours of the former penitentiary on Alcatraz Island offer a very different experience from that gained on a sunny afternoon. Guided tours of the cellblocks provide a glimpse into the lives of former inhabitants, and the sunset boat ride from San Francisco is a bonus. For ticket information, call: 415-981-7625. At the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, a more cheerful event takes place on the first Saturday evening of each month, when a free sing-along of sailor tunes and "chanteys" is held aboard one of the park's historic ships. Dress warmly and bring a mug for hot cider. Reservations are required; call: 415-561-7171.



Bioluminescence, Torrey Pines State Beach, San Diego County



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Estero de San Antonio

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Historic B Ranch, Point Reyes Peninsula

MARIN COUNTY

FROM ITS EARLIEST days as a state, California has depended on Marin County for agricultural products. By 1862, Marin County dairies provided one-quarter of the state's butter. Redwood trees on the hills surrounding Bolinas were cut to build the wooden row houses of San Francisco after the gold rush. From sawmills near the shore, lumber was loaded on flat-bottomed lighters in Bolinas Lagoon and transferred to ships anchored offshore. Cutting timber for forest products came to a halt long ago in Marin County, but dairy operations remain prominent. Compared to those in the 19th century, dairy farms today are fewer in number but more productive. As in the past, family farms dominate agriculture in Marin County.

Experience coastal Marin history

Unlikely as it may seem to visitors now, the village of Tomales was once an ocean port. The first European settler was an Irishman

named John Keys who, beginning in 1850, built a house and store there. A line of warehouses later served the ships that carried butter, hogs, beef, and potatoes down Keys Creek to Tomales Bay and thence to San Francisco. Within 20 years the creek bed had silted in, and ships could sail no closer to Tomales than Ocean Roar at the mouth of Keys Creek. When the North Pacific Coast Railroad reached Tomales in 1875, linking the area to the rail-ferry wharf in Sausalito (and thus to San Francisco), transportation of farm produce was greatly improved.

A number of 19th-century structures remain near the intersection of Main St. and Dillon Beach Rd. in Tomales. The Church of the Assumption, located just south of the present business section, was built in 1860 and restored after the 1906 earthquake. The Tomales Regional History Center at 26701 Hwy. One has exhibits about the area's early residents, agricultural economy,



Tomales Bay Oyster Company picnic area

and the North Pacific Coast Railroad. The museum is open on Saturday and Sunday, 1–4 PM. For information, call: 707-878-9443.

The Jack Mason Museum of West Marin History in Inverness is housed in an 1893-vintage house known as The Gables, located at 15 Park Avenue. A small gallery features changing exhibits, such as historic photos of West Marin scenes and farming families. The gallery shares space with the Inverness Public Library; for open hours, call: 415-669-1288. For more information on the museum's collections, which focus on the history of the Tomales Bay region between the hamlets of Ocean Roar and Dogtown, call: 415-669-1099.

Point Reyes Station was originally a stop on the North Pacific Coast Railroad. The old depot now serves as the post office. Other buildings in town are named for their original functions: the Old Creamery Building, the Livery Stable, the Hay Barn. A children's playground and public restrooms are on Mesa Rd. at Toby St. in Point Reyes Station. Well-known photographer Art Rogers, who has made celebrated portraits of local residents over nearly four decades, has a gallery in Point Reyes Station (call: 415-663-8345) and sometimes displays his work at the Jack Mason Museum in Inverness.

Dine on local oysters

Locally raised oysters are a Tomales Bay-area specialty and can be enjoyed at many local restaurants. In the hamlet of Marshall, Hog Island Oyster Company offers bayside picnic and barbecue facilities for shuck-your-own fare, as well as take-away oysters, Manila clams, and mussels. Picnic reservations are advised. Open daily, 9 AM–5 PM; call: 415-663-9218. Tomales Bay Oyster Company is on Hwy. One just north of Millerton Point. There are picnic and barbecue facilities overlooking Tomales Bay, and fresh oysters and shellfish are available to go. Open daily, 9 AM–5 PM; call: 415-663-1243.

Explore Point Reyes National Seashore

Point Reyes National Seashore was created to protect wild lands, natural ecosystems, and open space close to the urban centers of the San Francisco Bay Area. Some 80 miles of unspoiled coastline are preserved in the park, and there are beaches, grasslands, forests, and estuaries to explore. Historic ranches continue in operation within the National Seashore boundaries. Recreational activities include beachcombing, hiking, kayaking, bicycling, and wildlife viewing. Part of the National Seashore has been designated as

the Phillip Burton Wilderness Area; hikers and equestrians, but no bicycles or motorized vehicles, are allowed on wilderness trails.

Part of the Point Reyes National Seashore is designated as the Tule Elk Reserve, created to restore to the elk some of the habitat originally theirs before the introduction of dairy farming on the peninsula. The elk may be seen year round, roaming throughout the reserve. Within the reserve, a popular place to view the elk is the three-mile-long trail starting at **Pierce Point Ranch** and leading through grasslands to **Tomales Point**. From July to September, when bull elk are competing for females' attention, docents are at the Tomales Point Trailhead on weekends, 10:30 AM–4:30 PM. Use binoculars and maintain a safe distance; do not approach the animals.

See salmon on their way to spawn

Lagunitas Creek is the largest of the streams feeding Tomales Bay. Coho salmon, along with steelhead, return to Lagunitas Creek and its tributaries to deposit eggs on the gravelly stream bottom. The watershed has among the largest populations of endangered wild coho salmon in California, even though the number of returning fish has dropped dramatically from historic levels. Up to 6,000 adults once came to spawn, and perhaps only one-tenth that many have returned to the stream

in recent years. Numerous dams built within the watershed block migration of the salmon.

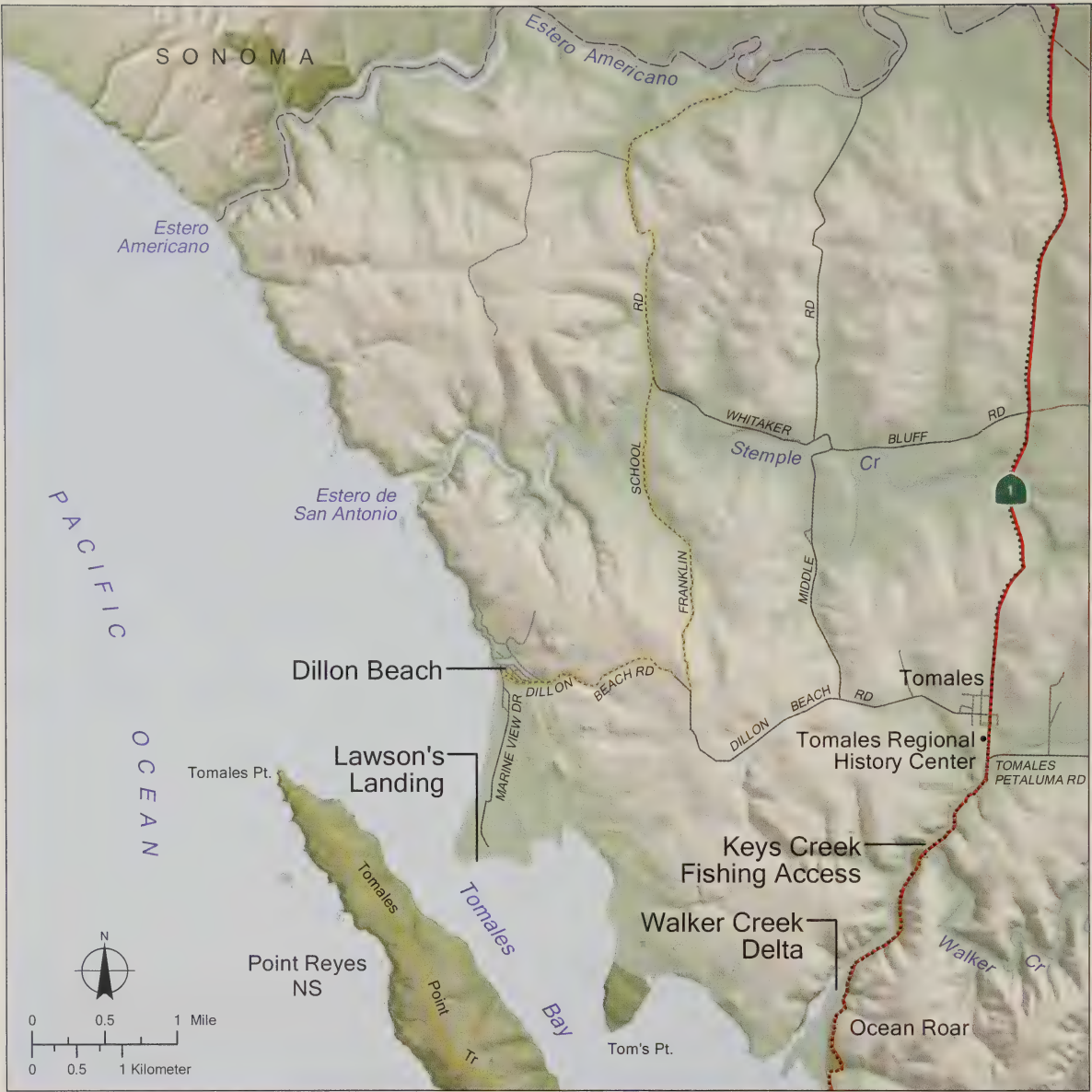
During the winter months, returning salmon can be viewed at locations along Lagunitas Creek and its tributaries, including **Samuel P. Taylor State Park** and the **Leo Cronin** salmon viewing area off Sir Francis Drake Blvd., eight miles west of Fairfax. December is often a peak month for viewing. When returning to freshwater, the silver fish turn bright red (males) or pink (females). After spawning, the fish remain for a few days near their nests before dying.

Other attractions

The town of **Bolinas** holds an annual Fourth of July celebration that includes a parade and a tug-of-war with residents of the neighboring community of **Stinson Beach**. At **Point Reyes Station**, the Western Weekend parade and barbecue is held every year on the first weekend in June, with a nod to the area's ranching roots. For over 30 years, a Sand Sculpture Contest has been held at **Drakes Beach** in the Point Reyes National Seashore in September. Entry is free, and prizes are awarded; for information, call: 415-464-5100. For a calendar of events, a list of farms that offer tours and overnight stays, and information about local producers of cheese and other foods, see: www.visitmarin.org.



Drakes Beach



Fishing pier, Lawson's Landing

Marin County
Dillon Beach Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Dillon Beach	•	•						•	•						•	•	•	•
Lawson's Landing	•			•		•	•	•			•				•	•	•	•
Keys Creek Fishing Access								•							•	•		
Walker Creek Delta							•											

DILLON BEACH: *End of Dillon Beach Rd., 4.1 mi. W. of Tomales.* Public access to a broad sandy beach via a privately owned parking area. Picnic tables are on the sand. Dogs must be leashed in parking area and may be under voice control on the beach. Café and general store nearby. Call: 707-878-2094.

LAWSON'S LANDING: *5 mi. W. of Tomales, off Hwy. One, S.W. of Dillon Beach.* Take the road south from Dillon Beach to this privately operated resort, offering day use and camping. Designated campsites for tents or RVs are located in a meadow and along the seawall; no vehicles allowed in the sand dunes. Picnic tables and fire rings available. Call ahead in wet weather, when the campground may be closed. RV dump stations available. Reservations accepted online only; visit www.lawsonslanding.com.

- Boating facilities include self-launch of trailered boats or kayaks, launching service by tractor, boat rentals, and out-board motor repairs. The boat-house offers bait and tackle, propane, firewood, and fishing licenses; call: 707-878-2443.
- Popular area for clamming; fishing license required
 - Pier and bay fishing for halibut, perch, starry flounder, sand dabs, and more
 - Shorebirds arrive en masse in winter
 - Harbor seals haul out on the sandy shore
 - Tule elk may be seen on Tomales Point

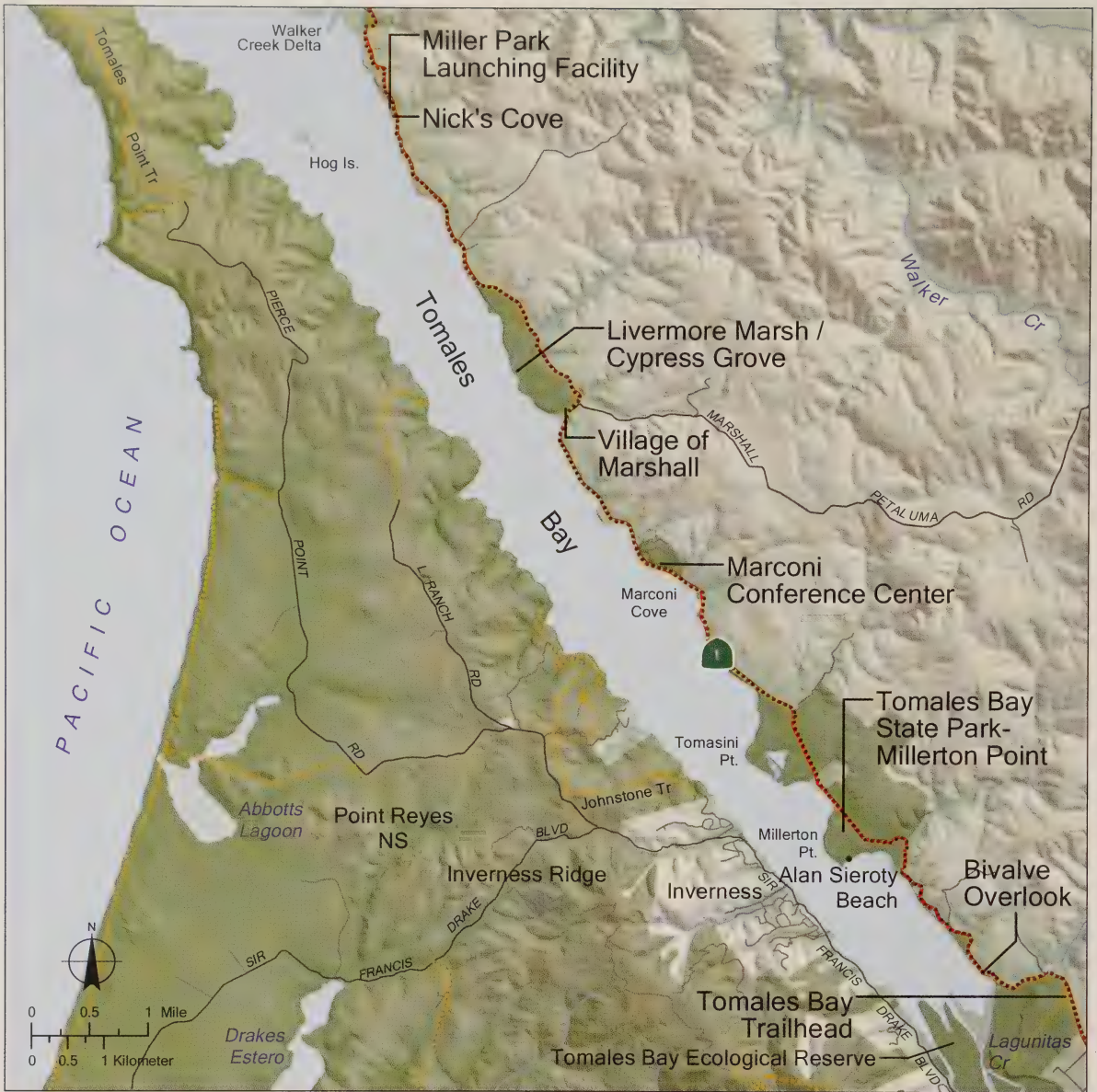
KEYS CREEK FISHING ACCESS: *Milepost 44.07 on Hwy. One, 1.6 mi. S.W. of Tomales.* Small public fishing access area has picnic tables and restrooms. A trail, sometimes overgrown, leads from the gravel parking lot to the

bank of Keys Creek. Fishing for coastal coho (silver) salmon, designated as endangered, is prohibited. For steelhead fishing rules, check current Fish and Wildlife Department regulations.

WALKER CREEK DELTA: *2 mi. S. of Tomales, W. of Hwy. One.* Walker Creek with its tributary, Keys Creek, is the second largest of the streams feeding Tomales Bay. Although its flow has been reduced by siltation, the stream still supports runs of coho salmon and steelhead. The Walker Creek delta includes over 100 acres of marsh and mud-flats. The delta is managed by Audubon Canyon Ranch, a non-profit land preservation and education organization. Access to the marsh is reserved primarily for educational and scientific purposes and is by appointment only; call: 415-663-8203.



Dillon Beach



Kayak rental, Marshall



Marin County

Tomales Bay East Shore

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Tomales Bay						•	•	•										
Miller Park Launching Facility						•		•			•					•	•	•
Nick's Cove							•				•	•	•			•	•	•
Livermore Marsh/ Cypress Grove							•											
Village of Marshall					•											•		•
Marconi Conference Center											•	•	•			•	•	•
Tomales Bay State Park-Millerton Point	•		•					•	•							•	•	
Bivalve Overlook							•										•	
Tomales Bay Trailhead			•					•									•	

TOMALES BAY: *N.W. of Point Reyes Station.* The bay is 13 miles long, one mile wide, and very shallow; the south end is less than ten feet deep, and wide expanses of mudflats are exposed at low tide. The bay is fed not by a great river, but rather by small streams, of which Walker/Keys Creek, Lagunitas Creek, and Olema Creek are the largest. Salt and freshwater marshes are found along the shore.

- Nearly 100 species of water-associated birds have been sighted at Tomales Bay
- Shorebirds include marbled godwits, black turnstones, and willets
- Waterfowl include surf scoters, buffleheads, and ruddy ducks
- Great egrets wade in shallow bay waters

MILLER PARK LAUNCHING FACILITY: *Hwy. One, 3.6 mi. N. of Marshall.* County park has a pier, jetty, and concrete boat launch ramp. Picnic area in a grove of trees. Fee for parking.

NICK'S COVE: *Hwy. One, 3.6 mi. N. of Marshall.* A restaurant and inn occupy historic bayside buildings; there is public access to the pier and beach during business hours. Call: 415-663-1033.

LIVERMORE MARSH/CYPRESS GROVE: *Marshall-Petaluma Rd., Hwy. One intersection.* Managed by Audubon Canyon Ranch, a land preservation



Hog Island Oyster Company, Marshall

and education organization. Access is reserved primarily for educational and scientific purposes and is by appointment only; call: 415-663-8203.

VILLAGE OF MARSHALL: *Hwy. One, 10 mi. N. of Point Reyes Station.* Historic hamlet with oyster production and sales.

- Kayak rentals and instruction at Blue Waters Kayaking, 19225 Shoreline Hwy.; call: 415-669-2600

MARCONI CONFERENCE CENTER: *E. of Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of Marshall.* The old Marconi Hotel (built 1913) is a state park, used as a conference center. Overnight accommodations are offered to travelers not attending a conference if space is available; reservations taken three days in advance. Call: 415-663-9020.

TOMALES BAY STATE PARK-MILLERTON POINT: *Hwy. One, 5.4 mi. N. of Point Reyes Station.* Trail leads to the point.

A small salt marsh borders the beach, known as Alan Sieroty Beach. Dogs on leash allowed only on the fire road running on high ground from the parking lot. Tomasini Point, undeveloped state park property, is one mile north of Millerton Point; an opening in the fence marks a trail to the shoreline; no dogs allowed. Call: 415-669-1140.

- Picnic area
- Views of forested Inverness Ridge
- Osprey platform encourages nesting

BIVALVE OVERLOOK: *Milepost 31.50 on Hwy. One, 3.2 mi. N. of Point Reyes Station.* Views of Tomales Bay from gravel pull-out along Hwy. One.

TOMALES BAY TRAILHEAD: *Edge of Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve, 2.2 mi. N. of Point Reyes Station.* Trail from Hwy. One to the southern tip of Tomales Bay. Small gravel parking lot.



Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve



Marin County

Point Reyes Station

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Giacomini Wetlands		•				•												
Olema Marsh		•				•										•		
White House Pool		•			•	•					•				•	•		
Tomales Bay Ecological Reserve		•				•	•											
Shields Saltmarsh						•										•		



White House Pool

GIACOMINI WETLANDS: *W. of Point Reyes Station.* Former pasture land has been undergoing wetland restoration since 2007. Anticipated benefits include the capture of significant amounts of sediment, thus improving the quality of water in Tomales Bay, and improved passage for coho salmon that spawn in streams feeding Tomales Bay. For information on public field seminars and volunteer work days, contact the Point Reyes National Seashore: 415-464-5227.

- Spur trail overlooking the wetlands begins at 3rd and C streets in Point Reyes Station

OLEMA MARSH: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Bear Valley Rd. intersection, S.E. corner.* Freshwater marsh is bordered by dense willow thickets; public entry is not permitted, but many birds

may be seen from the parking area located off Bear Valley Road. The marsh is part of the Point Reyes National Seashore.

WHITE HOUSE POOL: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Bear Valley Rd. intersection, N.E. corner.* Public access point to the banks of Lagunitas Creek, near the junction of Olema Creek. Lagunitas Creek is the largest of the streams feeding Tomales Bay; it provides significant spawning habitat for endangered coho salmon and steel-head trout, although fish counts have dropped dramatically from historic levels. The creek is also habitat for the endangered California freshwater shrimp.

- Good birding among the willow thickets
- Coho salmon may be spotted during winter months

TOMALES BAY ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: *Southern portion of Tomales Bay.* Walk north from White House Pool parking lot along the levee to the reserve; there is fishing access from Shoreline Hwy. on the east side of the bay. Managed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- Waterfowl hunting and fishing requires a valid hunting or fishing license; call: 707-944-5500
- Land area is closed Mar. 1–June 30 to protect nesting birds

SHIELDS SALTMARSH: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd., 3 mi. N. of Point Reyes Station.* Overlook next to the bay; park in road-side pull-out. Area managed by Audubon Canyon Ranch; call: 415-663-8203.



Chicken Ranch Beach



Marin County

Tomales Bay West Shore

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Martinelli Park																			
Dana Marsh	•																		
Tomales Bay Resort						•	•						•			•	•	•	•
Chicken Ranch Beach	•									•							•	•	
Inverness Ridge			•																
Shell Beach	•		•										•				•	•	
Heart's Desire Beach	•		•				•	•					•	•			•	•	•

MARTINELLI PARK: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Inverness.* Small bayfront park next to the Inverness Store; fine views of the water and forested ridge.

DANA MARSH: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd., .25 mi. N. of Inverness.* Half-hidden path to shoreline starts at Sir Francis Drake Blvd. next to a wood fence, 50 yards north of Woodhaven Road. Adjacent private property; do not trespass.

TOMALES BAY RESORT: *12938 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., .3 mi. N. of Inverness.* Waterfront hotel includes small marina and boat launch. Public access to the shoreline around the resort is planned. Call: 415-669-1389.

- Kayak rentals and tours at adjacent Blue Waters Kayaking; call: 415-669-2600

CHICKEN RANCH BEACH: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd., .5 mi. N. of Inverness.* Small sandy beach on Tomales Bay is reached via a footbridge over a creek. Limited roadside parking; chemical toilet is not wheelchair accessible.

INVERNESS RIDGE: *W. of Tomales Bay.* An undeveloped unit of Tomales Bay State Park is on the ridge above Inverness. Starting from the top of Perth Ave., there are hiking trails through the forest that connect to Mount Vision in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Check at the Heart's Desire park headquarters for more information, or call: 415-669-1140.

SHELL BEACH: *End of Camino del Mar, off Sir Francis Drake Blvd.,*



Tomales Bay at Inverness

1 mi. N. of Inverness. Sandy bay beach, part of Tomales Bay State Park. Quarter-mile-long trail leads downhill from the parking lot. From Shell Beach, the 4.3-mile-long Johnstone Trail leads north past Pebble Beach to Heart's Desire Beach.

HEART'S DESIRE BEACH: *Pierce Point Rd., 2 mi. N. of Inverness.* Main facility of Tomales Bay State Park, with a sandy bay beach. Picnic tables and restrooms with running water are nearby. A separate larger picnic area including several group sites is on a bluff, a few hundred yards south of Heart's Desire. Dogs on leash allowed in the blufftop

picnic area but not on trails or at the beach. Call: 415-669-1140.

- Picnicking, clamming, and hand-carried boat launching
- Bay swimming
- Half-mile-long nature trail through bishop pine forest to Indian Beach, with replicas of Miwok houses
- Johnstone Trail leads south past secluded Pebble Beach to Shell Beach



Drakes Beach

Marin County
Tomales Point to
Point Reyes Lighthouse

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Marshall Beach	•	•						•							•	•		
Pierce Point Ranch		•	•					•		•	•	•	•		•	•		
McClures Beach	•	•	•					•							•	•		
Kehoe Beach	•		•					•				•			•	•		
Abbotts Lagoon	•		•			•	•				•				•	•		
North Beach and South Beach	•								•						•	•		
Drakes Estero			•					•							•	•		
Point Reyes Lighthouse		•	•					•		•	•	•			•	•		
Chimney Rock Trailhead			•					•							•	•		
Drakes Beach	•				•					•		•			•	•	•	

MARSHALL BEACH: *L Ranch Rd., off Pierce Point Rd., 1.3 mi. N. of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. junction. Trail to bay beach, part of Point Reyes National Seashore.*

PIERCE POINT RANCH: *End of Pierce Point Rd., 7 mi. N. of Inverness. Historic ranch preserved by Point Reyes National Seashore. Three-mile-long trail leads to Tomales Point; striking views but no beach access.*

- Tule elk at Tomales Point

MCCLURES BEACH: *End of Pierce Point Rd., 9 mi. N. of Inverness. Steep half-mile-long trail to the beach. Strong waves; unsafe for swimming.*

- Cormorants and common murres rest on sea stacks
- Black oystercatchers may be spotted on rocks
- Giant green anemones and ochre sea stars in tidepools

KEHOE BEACH: *Trail off Pierce Point Rd., S. of McClures Beach. Shoulder parking. The trail to beach runs beside Kehoe Marsh; most of the trail is wheelchair accessible. Dogs may be prohibited during nesting season for western snowy plovers, from about mid-March to early September.*

ABBOTTS LAGOON: *Off Pierce Point Rd., 3.4 mi. N.W. of Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. An easy 1.5-mile-long trail leads to the lagoon and to the beach beyond.*

- Caspian terns may be seen in the summer
- Canoeing permitted in the lagoon

NORTH BEACH AND SOUTH BEACH: *Off Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Twelve-mile-long beach has rough surf; swimming is unsafe. Dogs on leash allowed; observe posted restrictions during snowy plover nesting season in spring and summer.*

DRAKES ESTERO: *Estero Trail off Sir Francis Drake Blvd., 4 mi. W. of Inverness. A mile-long trail leads downhill from the Estero Trailhead to the water's edge.*

- Harbor seal breeding colony in Drakes Estero

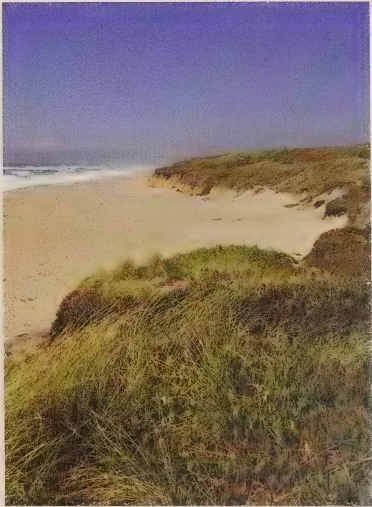
POINT REYES LIGHTHOUSE: *End of Sir Francis Drake Blvd., 15 mi. S.W. of Inverness. Visitor center open Thurs.–Mon., 10:00 AM–4:30 PM; 300-step stairway to the lighthouse. Parking is limited; during peak whale-watching months, a shuttle (fee) operates from Drakes Beach parking area, week-ends and holidays only. Special parking and drop-off areas for visitors with limited mobility. For recorded lighthouse information, call: 415-464-5100.*

- Popular place for sighting migrating gray whales, especially mid-January (southbound animals) and mid-March (northbound)

- California sea lions occupy offshore rocks
- Breeding colony of Steller sea lions in one of the coves

CHIMNEY ROCK TRAILHEAD: *Off Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Pt. Reyes Headlands. Mile-long trail to the Chimney Rock overlook. A separate short path leads to an elephant seal viewing area; bring binoculars for good views.*

DRAKES BEACH: *Drakes Beach Rd., off Sir Francis Drake Boulevard. Kenneth C. Patrick Visitor Center has interpretive displays and ranger-led walks. Open daily except Wed. and Thurs. during summer months and open week-ends and holidays all year, 10 AM–5 PM. For recorded information, call: 415-464-5100.*



South Beach



Estero de Limantour trail



Marin County

Limantour Beach and Olema Valley

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Estero de Limantour			•						•			•				•	•		
Point Reyes Hostel			•									•				•	•	•	
Limantour Beach	•	•	•							•		•	•			•	•		
Sculptured Beach	•	•	•						•										
Olema				•						•		•				•	•	•	
Point Reyes National Seashore Visitor Center			•					•			•	•	•			•	•		
Samuel P. Taylor State Park			•	•								•	•			•	•	•	
Five Brooks Trailhead			•									•	•			•	•		

ESTERO DE LIMANTOUR:
End of Limantour Road. A state marine reserve; wildlife viewing is allowed, but regulations prohibit the take of all marine life.

- White pelicans and brant feed and rest in the estero
- Harbor seals haul out on shore

POINT REYES HOSTEL:
Off Limantour Rd., 7 mi. from Bear Valley Road. Family rooms and bunkhouse space, wood stoves, full kitchen. Reservations recommended year round. Between 7:30–10:00 AM or 4:30–9:30 PM, call: 415-663-8811.

LIMANTOUR BEACH: *End of Limantour Road.* Wave action is generally calmer here than on the west-facing beaches of the Point Reyes Peninsula.

- Wheelchair-accessible trail runs along the lagoon southeast of the main access road

SCULPTURED BEACH: *6 mi. from Bear Valley via trail.* Hike from the Point Reyes National Seashore Visitor Center or Limantour Beach. For recorded weather and tide conditions, call: 415-464-5100.

OLEMA: *Hwy. One at Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.* Historic village; tent and RV camping at Olema Ranch Campground, which has 187 sites, some with hookups. RVs up to 50 feet long accommodated; dump station available. Hot showers, general store and laundromat, play area and recreation hall, and mountain bike rentals. Call: 415-663-8106.

Point Reyes National Seashore

The National Seashore includes over 70,000 acres; a wide variety of recreational pursuits are possible. There is no car camping at Point Reyes National Seashore. Camping is permitted at four walk-in camps and at boat-in beaches on Tomales Bay, by reservation only. Camping permits are available at the

visitor center daily; for camping reservations, call: 877-444-6777. Leashed dogs are allowed in the Point Reyes National Seashore only on South Limantour Beach, North and South Point Reyes Beaches, and Kehoe Beach; seasonal closures may apply. For National Seashore information, call: 415-464-5100.

POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE VISITOR CENTER: *Bear Valley Rd., .5 mi. N.W. of Olema.* Exhibits about Point Reyes National Seashore attractions. Open weekdays, 9 AM–5 PM, and weekends and holidays, 8 AM–5 PM (closed Dec. 25).

- Wheelchair-accessible Earthquake Trail
- Coast Miwok Indian village
- Morgan horse farm

SAMUEL P. TAYLOR STATE PARK: *Sir Francis Drake Blvd., 5.2 mi. E. of Olema.* Picnic areas, trails, family campsites, hike or bike campsites, and enroute campsites. Five group camping areas

are available, two at Madrone and three primitive sites (one for equestrians) at Devil's Gulch, located one mile north of the other camping areas. Streams in the park are closed to fishing and boating year round. For park information, call: 415-488-9897. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

FIVE BROOKS TRAILHEAD: *Hwy. One, 3 mi. S. of Olema.* Trails lead to beaches, the Coast Trail, and to walk-in campsites. For park and trail information, call: 415-464-5100 or 415-464-5137.

- Five Brooks Ranch offers horseback riding lessons and trail rides; call: 415-663-1570



Point Reyes National Seashore Visitor Center, Bear Valley



Bolinas Beach



Marin County

Bolinas

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Palomarin Trailhead			•					•				•				•	•		
Point Blue Visitor Center			•					•			•	•				•	•		
Path to Shore	•	•	•					•									•		
Agate Beach		•						•	•							•	•		
Duxbury Reef		•						•								•	•		
Bolinas Overlook		•															•		
Bolinas Beach	•	•						•		•		•	•			•	•		

PALOMARIN TRAILHEAD: *End of Mesa Rd., 5 mi. N.W. of Bolinas.* Access to the southern end of the Point Reyes National Seashore. A network of trails leads along the bluffs and to lakes, beaches, and walk-in camps. The Coast Trail, part of the California Coastal Trail, leads north to Sculptured Beach.

■ Alamere Falls, off the Coast Trail, cascades onto the sandy beach north of Double Point

POINT BLUE VISITOR CENTER: *Mesa Rd., 4.5 mi. N.W. of Bolinas.* Point Blue Conservation Science carries out research and education focused on protecting birds and wildlife. Visitors are welcome to view some of the research activities, including the bird-banding process in which birds are safely captured in a fine net, examined, and released. Banding takes place from May through Thanksgiving, Tues.–Sun., sunrise–noon, and during the remainder of the year on Wed., Sat., and Sun., sunrise–noon, weather permitting. Drop-in visitors in groups of ten or fewer are welcome to view the mist-netting process; to check conditions, call: 415-868-0655. A small visitor center contains displays of the observatory's research projects; open 9 AM–5 PM.

■ Self-guided nature trail leads through the small canyon of Arroyo Hondo

PATH TO SHORE: *451 Mesa Rd., N.W. of Bolinas.* Trail leads from Mesa Rd. to the shoreline; part of Point Reyes National

Seashore. Park at entrance to Commonweal; call: 415-464-5100. A second unimproved path to the shoreline is located near mile marker 2.68 on Mesa Road.

AGATE BEACH: *End of Elm Rd., Bolinas.* Small county park, with access to Duxbury Reef where marine resources are protected.

DUXBURY REEF: *S.W. perimeter of Bolinas Mesa.* California's largest exposed shale reef. Park at Agate Beach. Duxbury Reef State Marine Conservation Area regulations prohibit the take of all living marine resources except the recreational take of finfish from shore and the recreational take of abalone. Check with the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife for any changes; call: 707-875-4260.

■ Tidepool viewing

BOLINAS OVERLOOK: *End of Overlook Dr., Bolinas.* Expansive views from a parking pull-out.

BOLINAS BEACH: *Ends of Brighton and Wharf Aves., Bolinas.* Turn off Hwy. One on Bolinas-Olema Rd. at the Y intersection north of Bolinas Lagoon. Access to Bolinas Beach is from two street ends, Brighton Ave. and Wharf Ave., both dead-end streets with limited parking. A small county park with picnic area, tennis courts, and restrooms is on Brighton Ave. near the beach. The mouth of Bolinas Lagoon, which is only a narrow channel at low tide, separates Bolinas Beach from the Seadrift sandspit.



Bolinas Beach



Stinson Beach

Marin County

Stinson Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Bolinas Lagoon Nature Preserve		•						•									•		
Audubon Canyon Ranch		•						•		•	•	•	•			•	•		
Seadrift Beach	•																		
Walla Vista Walkway	•																•		
Stinson Beach	•				•							•	•			•	•	•	
Red Rock Beach	•	•	•														•		

BOLINAS LAGOON NATURE PRESERVE: *Along Hwy. One and Olema-Bolinas Road.* A county-owned preserve with over 1,200 acres of sheltered water, salt marsh, and mudflat. Bolinas Lagoon is a major stopover point for migrating shore-birds and other waterfowl. Vistas of the lagoon from numerous pull-outs along Hwy. One. Call: 415-473-6387.

- Bob Stewart Trail off Olema-Bolinas Rd. is a short loop through an alder forest; dogs must be leashed
- Harbor seals haul out on the mudflats, often far out in the lagoon; bring binoculars
- Herons, egrets, and black-necked stilts are abundant
- Surf scoters, ruddy ducks, greater scaups, and pintails may be seen

AUDUBON CANYON RANCH: *Hwy. One, 3 mi. N. of Stinson Beach.* Audubon Canyon Ranch, a non-profit organization, operates the Martin Griffin Preserve with a large nesting colony of great blue herons and great egrets. Facilities include an exhibit hall, nature bookshop, and picnic area adjacent to the 1875 home of Captain Peter Bourne. The preserve is open to the public during the nesting season, mid-March through mid-July, on weekends and holidays, 10 AM–4 PM. Visits to the preserve are self-guided. Blinds for viewing nesting birds, picnic tables, the display hall, and the bookstore are wheelchair accessible. No fee for entry; donations encouraged. Call: 415-868-9244.



Upton Beach near Walla Vista Walkway

- During nesting season fixed telescopes allow close-up views of activities of nesting birds
- Eight miles of hiking trails are open in the summer following the nesting season; call for information and hours

SEADRIFT BEACH: *N.W. of Stinson Beach.* Roads in the Seadrift subdivision are for residents only; the long curving beach is open to the public from the water's edge inland to 60 feet from the private seawall. Enter from downcoast.

WALLA VISTA WALKWAY: *Calle Del Arroyo, off Hwy. One.* Pedestrian access from Calle del Arroyo, outside the Seadrift Subdivision gate, along the side of Walla Vista. Turn right to Seadrift Beach or left to Marin County–main-tained Upton Beach. Limited shoulder parking on Calle

del Arroyo. Dogs are allowed on leash on Upton Beach.

STINSON BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, N. of Panoramic Highway.* Parking, picnic areas, and most of the beach are within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA). Vehicle entrance open daily, 9 AM–sunset; check current closing time upon entry. Lifeguards on duty at the beach from late May to mid-September. Volleyball equipment and a beach wheelchair can be borrowed from the main lifeguard tower. Call: 415-868-1922.

- Sunbathing
- Volleyball
- Surfing

RED ROCK BEACH: *Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of Stinson Beach.* Unpaved parking lot at mile-post 11.45; steep trail leads to a clothing-optional beach within Mount Tamalpais State Park.



Muir Beach



Marin County

Muir Beach Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Steep Ravine Beach	•	•	•	•								•	•	•		•	•	•	
Mount Tamalpais State Park			•	•	•			•			•	•				•	•	•	
Slide Ranch		•	•	•				•			•	•				•	•	•	
Muir Overlook		•										•				•	•		
Muir Beach	•	•							•			•	•			•	•		
Muir Woods National Monument			•								•	•	•			•	•	•	•

STEEP RAVINE BEACH:
Hwy. One, 2 mi. S. of Stinson Beach.
Nine rustic cabins with wood stoves, picnic tables, sleeping platforms, and outdoor barbecues; no running water or electricity; water faucets and firewood are nearby. Seven primitive tent campsites available. One campsite and one cabin are wheelchair accessible. Camping reservations required, and sites book up well in advance; call: 1-800-444-7275. Campers with reservations may drive to a parking area along the road to the beach; beach day users must walk in. Part of Mount Tamalpais State Park.

MOUNT TAMALPAIS STATE PARK: *Off Panoramic Highway.*
The 2,572-foot peak is accessible by road. Numerous trails crisscross the park; the Cataract Trail follows a stream with waterfalls.

- Pantoll Campground has 16 tent campsites, first-come, first-served. Reservations are taken for two group camps, one of them for equestrians; call: 1-800-444-7275. For general park information, call Pantoll Ranger Station: 415-388-2070.

- Horses allowed on fire roads, paved roads, and posted equestrian trails
- Bicycles allowed on fire roads and paved roads only

SLIDE RANCH: *Hwy. One, 1 mi. N. of Muir Overlook.* Nonprofit environmental education center located within the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Programs emphasize agriculture and sustainability and are offered to families and groups,

with an emphasis on elementary-school-age children. Pre-registration required; fees charged, but scholarships may be available for those with limited income. Call: 415-381-6155.

- Daytime and overnight programs for school and community groups include exploration, campfires, and experience with farm chores
- Family programs include camp-outs, toddler's days, and family farm days
- Domestic animals include goats, sheep, and ducks
- Hiking trails and tidepools on site are used to teach about resource conservation

MUIR OVERLOOK: *Off Hwy. One, 1 mi. N. of Muir Beach.*
Spectacular views from a high bluff. There is a picnic area and paved parking.

MUIR BEACH: *Hwy. One at Muir Woods Road.* Large beach at the mouth of Redwood Creek, part of Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

- Picnicking
- Sunbathing
- Endangered coho salmon inhabit the creek
- Monarch butterflies overwinter some years in Monterey pines near the parking lot

MUIR WOODS NATIONAL MONUMENT: *Off Hwy. One, 3 mi. N. on Muir Woods Road.* Old-growth redwood forest; a highly popular destination. The Dipsea Trail leads west to Steep Ravine Beach and east to Mill Valley. A wheelchair-accessible boardwalk leads along Redwood Creek into the woods; there are interpretive signs and exhibits including living examples of redwood-like tree species from around the world. Facilities include a visitor center, bookshop, and café. Open daily all year; for recorded information, call: 415-388-2595.

- Nature walks
- Look for leopard lilies blooming along the stream
- Huckleberries ripen in late summer



Muir Overlook



View from Kirby Cove

Marin County

Marin Headlands

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Tennessee Cove	•	•	•	•	•				•							•	•		
Rodeo Beach	•	•	•	•	•			•		•	•	•	•			•	•		
Marin Headlands Visitor Center											•	•	•			•	•		
Marin Headlands Hostel			•									•				•	•	•	
Point Bonita Lighthouse			•							•						•	•		
YMCA Point Bonita Center			•									•				•	•	•	
Kirby Cove	•	•	•	•	•			•				•	•			•	•	•	
Bay Area Ridge Trailhead			•	•												•	•		

TENNESSEE COVE: *Tennessee Valley Rd., off Hwy. One in Mill Valley.* Two-mile-long trail from the end of Tennessee Valley Rd. to the beach. For Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) information, call: 415-331-1540.

- Miwok Livery Stables offers horseback riding instruction and trail rides; call: 415-383-8048

RODEO BEACH: *Bunker Rd. off Hwy. 101 (Alexander Ave. exit).* Picnic area overlooks the beach and lagoon. Bicycles and dogs are allowed on certain trails in Rodeo Valley. The Marine Mammal Center rehabilitates rescued marine mammals and includes a gift shop; open daily except Thanksgiving Day, Dec. 25, and Jan. 1, 10 AM–5 PM. Free entry; donations welcome. Call: 415-289-7325.

- Popular surfing beach
- For guided walks, call: 415-331-1540

- On Rodeo Beach look for colorful pebbles of greenstone, red jasper, and orange chalcedony, known as carnelians

MARIN HEADLANDS VISITOR CENTER: *Off Hwy. One, N. of Golden Gate Bridge.* Wheelchair-accessible visitor center, located in the former Fort Barry chapel, features exhibits and a bookshop. Open daily except Thanksgiving Day and Dec. 25, 9:30 AM–4:30 PM. Call: 415-331-1540. Required camping permits for campsites in the headlands available at the visitor center.

- Information available on local geology and area beaches

MARIN HEADLANDS HOSTEL: *Off Bunker Rd., near Rodeo Lagoon.* Shared and private rooms, kitchens, lounge, and recreation facilities; operated by Hostelling International. From 7:30 AM–11:30 PM, call: 415-331-2777. To locate the hostel using a mapping service, search for

941 Rosenstock Rd., Sausalito, CA, but note the facility is not within the town of Sausalito.

POINT BONITA LIGHTHOUSE:

S.W. tip of Marin Headlands, end of Conzelman Road. Pedestrians reach the lighthouse via a tunnel hewn through solid rock and a suspension bridge. Trail to tunnel open daily; lighthouse open Sat., Sun., and Mon., 12:30–3:30 PM.

- For cell phone tour, call: 415-226-2585 ext. 31 through ext. 43

YMCA POINT BONITA CENTER: *Off Field Rd., near Conzelman Road.* Educational programs for youth, adults, and families and overnight accommodations, by reservation only, for groups of 20 or more. Call: 415-331-9622.

KIRBY COVE: *Conzelman Rd., off Hwy. 101 (Alexander Ave. exit).* Trailhead is on Conzelman Rd. one-half mile from Hwy. 101; walk one mile down the gravel road. At Kirby Cove are four campsites, each accommodating up to ten people. Be prepared for foghorns in the night. For required reservations, call: 877-444-6777. For GGNRA information, call: 415-331-1540.

- Spectacular views of San Francisco, the Golden Gate Bridge, and passing ships

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAILHEAD:

Conzelman Rd., off Hwy. 101. Parking area provides access to hiking and bicycling trails, north and south. Restrooms are at the east-side viewing area.



Rodeo Beach



Point Bonita Lighthouse, Marin County

MARINERS KNOW that California's coastal waters are sometimes anything but peaceful, despite the meaning of "Pacific." Before navigational aids, a ship's pilot was challenged by hidden rocks, strong currents, and frequent fogs. On March 6, 1853, the steamship *Tennessee*, carrying gold-seekers and a cargo of luxury goods, including watches, jewelry, glassware, and cigars, felt its way through a dense fog toward San Francisco Bay. Abruptly, the crew saw surf ahead. Rather than strike the rocks that loomed up, the captain ordered full speed ahead toward a cove beach, now known as Tennessee Beach. There was no loss of life as the ship went ashore intact, although it later proved impossible to refloat the ship. Only a month later, on April 9, 1853, the steamer *Samuel S. Lewis* was on approach from Nicaragua when it overshot the entrance to San Francisco Bay and ran aground on Duxbury Reef. The ship broke up within a day, a total loss like the *Tennessee*.

Already the U.S. Congress had appropriated funds to construct eight West Coast lighthouses. Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay was the site of California's first lighthouse in 1854. Its architectural design, a cylindrical tower emerging from a Cape Cod-style house, reflected a New England influence.

Point Bonita Lighthouse was built in 1855 to help guide ships into San Francisco Bay.

In the mid-19th century, Fresnel lenses were coming into wide use in lighthouses. A Fresnel lens, which resembles a giant beehive of glass and brass, is segmented into relatively thin and light prisms, which together act to concentrate a single light source into a brilliant beam of light. A "first-order" Fresnel lens, with a radius of slightly more than 36 inches, was the largest of seven sizes, or orders, in typical use in the 19th century. The brightest beam from a Fresnel lens is visible up to about 24 miles away. You can see a first-order lens, once housed at the lighthouse on Southeast Farallon Island, at the visitor center of the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park.

Early lighthouses required constant maintenance. Keepers had to refuel the oil lamp, clean the glass, and rewind the mechanism that caused the light to rotate. At Point Bonita staff turnover was high; seven different lighthouse tenders were employed in the first nine months of operation. In 1856 an iron cannon was installed as a fog signal, the first on the Pacific Coast. The keeper of the fog signal was required to fire the cannon every 30 minutes during continuous fogs, which last sometimes for days on end.

The cannon was abandoned after a couple of years, and a foghorn was built in 1902.

San Diego's **Point Loma Lighthouse**, built in 1854, is another of the West Coast's eight original New England-style lighthouses. The lighthouse has a central tower topped by a lantern room reached by a circular staircase. The lighthouse site is 462 feet above sea level, perhaps the loftiest lighthouse site in the nation. The elevation of the lighthouse worked against it, and heavy fogs obscured the beacon. It was abandoned in 1891 for a more suitable site, still in use, closer to the water's edge. The old lighthouse, restored to its 1880s appearance, is open to visitors.

When construction of the **Piedras Blancas Light Station** began in 1874, the station was the only light between Point Pinos in Monterey County and Point Conception in Santa Barbara County. Originally 115 feet tall with a classic silhouette, the Piedras Blancas Light Station suffered storm damage in 1949 that resulted in removal of the lantern room at the top of the tower. The original first-order lens and lantern can now be viewed at Pinedorado Park on Main St. in Cambria. The light station remains in operation, with a lens installed in 2002. Access is by guided tour only.

The U.S. Coast Guard took over the operation of lighthouses in 1939 and began automating the lighthouses and radio beacons.

In 1949 the first totally automated unit was built, equipped with a light, foghorn, and radio beacon in a rectangular tower. Despite automation, lighthouses of traditional design remain along the California coast. Many can be visited, and some are fully functional. In far northern California, the decommissioned, offshore **St. George Reef Lighthouse** can be reached only via helicopter, while the **Crescent Lighthouse** at Battery Point is easier to visit. Other light stations north of the Golden Gate that welcome visitors include the **Point Reyes Lighthouse**, built in 1870 on a bluff 294 feet above sea level, and **Point Cabrillo Light Station** and **Point Arena Lighthouse**, both of which offer overnight accommodations.

Between San Francisco and Los Angeles, scenic lighthouses include **Pigeon Point Light Station**, which at 115 feet is one of the tallest on the West Coast, and **Point Montara Lighthouse**. Neither building is accessible to the public, but the grounds are open to visitors and both have hostels on site. **Point Pinos Lighthouse**, the oldest continuously operating facility on the West Coast, can be visited readily several days each week, while the **Point Sur Light Station** and **Point San Luis Lighthouse** are open only to docent-led tours. In Los Angeles County, **Point Vicente Lighthouse** is open for docent-led tours only, while **Point Fermin Lighthouse** is open to visitors every day but Monday.



Point Arena Lighthouse, Mendocino County



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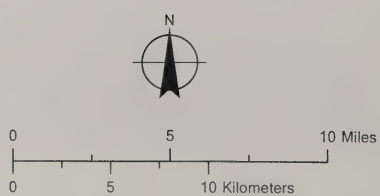
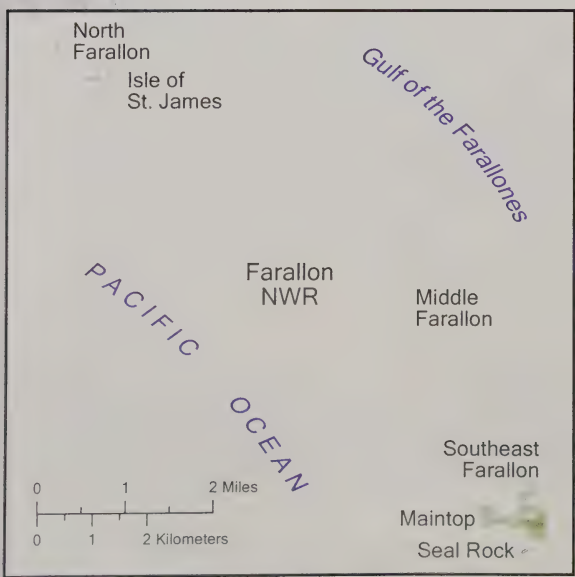
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Golden Gate Bridge and trail

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

FOLLOWING THE DISCOVERY of gold on the American River in 1848, fortune-seekers flooded to California. San Francisco became an international port of call almost overnight. China Basin derived its name from the “China Clipper” ships of the 1860s, while India Basin is named for the ships of the India trade that docked there. By 1900, the city’s original Fisherman’s Wharf was built to serve a thriving commercial fishing industry. The Ferry Building, completed in 1898, saw as many as 40 million passengers annually in the days before bridges spanned San Francisco Bay.

San Francisco Bay is one of the world’s great natural harbors. In the mid-20th century, port activity declined along the Embarcadero in San Francisco while growing at Oakland, with its modern container-handling facilities and convenient railroad links. Nevertheless, San Francisco’s waterfront is still a very lively place; visitor attractions line nearly all of the city’s shoreline.

Explore an urban waterfront

The grand pier bulkhead buildings that line much of the **Embarcadero** look just as they did during the port’s boom years, although they are no longer devoted to transshipment of cargo. There is excellent access to the bay for viewing and fishing at Pier 7

and also at the foot of Mission Street. Public promenades are located on the bay side of some of the pier buildings, such as at Pier 3. Shops, restaurants, and numerous attractions are located all along the **Embarcadero**.

The Municipal Railway F line serves the waterfront from Market St. to Fisherman’s Wharf and features historic streetcars from many different cities. The San Francisco Railway Museum at 77 Steuart St. near the Ferry Building celebrates the city’s own streetcars and cable cars. The museum is open daily, 10 AM to 6 PM (closed on Monday from September through May). The Exploratorium occupies Pier 15 and features hands-on exhibits that make physical and natural sciences come alive. San Francisco’s urban waterfront even features wildlife viewing; sea lions gather regularly on floating docks at Pier 39. You can take a peek anytime; go to www.pier39.com and select “Sea Lion Web Cam.”

Visit a farmers market

One of California’s liveliest farmers markets is held at Ferry Plaza every Tuesday (10 AM–2 PM), Thursday (10 AM–2 PM), and Saturday (8 AM–2 PM), year round. Saturday’s market is the largest of the three weekly events; vendors occupy spaces on both sides of the Ferry Building, facing the Embarcadero and the bay.

At Marina Blvd. and Buchanan St. near Fort Mason, a farmers market is held year round on Sunday from 9:30 AM–1:30 PM. Nearly every neighborhood in San Francisco hosts a farmers market, taking place nearly every day of the week.

Hike or bike on a regional trail

The busy Golden Gate Bridge is a memorable entry for visitors to San Francisco. The bridge serves both of California's two main coastal roadways, Highways One and 101, and it also brings together the alignments of the California Coastal Trail, the San Francisco Bay Trail, and the Bay Area Ridge Trail.

The California Coastal Trail is a multi-use route, planned to run the length of California's shoreline from Oregon to Mexico, as close to the coast as possible. The San Francisco Bay Trail follows the shoreline of the bay; more than half of the planned 500-mile system has been completed. The separate Bay Area Ridge Trail, intended to be some 550 miles long, runs along high ground in ten

counties around San Francisco Bay, linking ridgetops, parks, and open space areas.

A visitor following the California Coastal Trail from Marin County into San Francisco heads west and south after crossing the Golden Gate Bridge toward Lands End and the Cliff House. Bicyclists use Lincoln Blvd. on parts of the route while hikers use an alternate path; due to bluff erosion, the route is subject to change. South of the Cliff House, the Coastal Trail parallels Ocean Beach, the sandy strand that occupies most of San Francisco's Pacific shoreline. Ocean Beach is part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area and is all accessible to the public, as is much of the rest of San Francisco's shoreline. A visitor intent on following the San Francisco Bay Trail heads east after crossing the bridge and proceeds toward Crissy Field and Fort Mason. There is parking at the Battery East lot located 300 yards east of the Golden Gate Bridge toll plaza on Lincoln Blvd.; the San Francisco Bay Trail skirts the parking area. Meanwhile, a visitor following the Bay Area Ridge Trail heads south



Lands End Lookout, uphill from the Cliff House



Fort Point below Golden Gate Bridge

through the Presidio toward the city's Twin Peaks and then west toward Lake Merced.

The east sidewalk of the Golden Gate Bridge is open to pedestrians; automatic gates are open generally during daylight hours. Skaters and skateboarders are not permitted on the bridge; dogs other than service animals are not allowed. Bicyclists may cross the bridge toll-free, 24 hours a day, via sidewalk. When the bridge is closed to pedestrians, security staff will buzz bicyclists through the locked gate. Depending on the hour and day of the week, bicyclists either share the east sidewalk with pedestrians or use the bridge's west sidewalk; check on-site signage for complete bridge access information and rules.

Look for photo opportunities

Almost no one, it seems, visits San Francisco without a camera of some sort. San Francisco is a mecca for photographers, with the city's sharp contrasts of steep hills and wide bay, the juxtaposition of old and new buildings, and above all, the changing mix of sun and fog. For a new perspective on familiar photo subjects, look for a vantage point below or above the subject. The Golden Gate Bridge appears particularly dramatic when shot from underneath at Fort Point. Passing container ships, sailboats, and windsurfers contribute to a lively scene. For another perspective on the bridge, hike down to Marshall's Beach

when afternoon sun illuminates the west side of the bridge. Or make your way to Kirby Cove in the Marin Headlands, where the bridge perfectly frames a view of downtown San Francisco.

The tops of Telegraph Hill and Russian Hill have interesting views of the waterfront, Alcatraz, and bridges. Photograph the city's downtown skyline from the far end of Pier 7 or the pier at the foot of Mission St., perhaps at dusk, when the lights of the city and the Bay Bridge are lit.

For a more adventurous vantage point, take a whale-watching trip into the Gulf of the Farallones. The ocean outside the Golden Gate can be a bit rough, but you will be rewarded with excellent photo opportunities. You may get shots of marine mammals, and you certainly will get photos of San Francisco seen from the sea. The nonprofit Oceanic Society conducts excursions near the Farallon Islands and to destinations around the Pacific Ocean; call: 415-256-9604.

Visitor information

Comprehensive information on things to do in and around San Francisco can be found at www.sanfrancisco.travel. Or contact the Visitor Information Center on Market St. at the foot of Powell St. near the cable car turnaround; for information, call: 415-391-2000.



Aquatic Park



San Francisco County

San Francisco North

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Angel Island State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•
San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park	•											•	•	•			•	•	
Aquatic Park	•	•	•		•	•			•			•	•	•			•	•	
San Francisco Hostel													•			•	•	•	•
Fort Mason Center							•			•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Marina Green		•	•				•			•			•	•		•	•	•	
San Francisco Marina	•	•	•			•							•				•	•	

ANGEL ISLAND STATE PARK: 1 mi. S.E. of Tiburon, Marin County. Ferries land at Ayala Cove; mooring fee for private boats. Visitor center open daily all year and café open daily, March–Nov. For state park information, including accessibility for those with limited mobility, call: 415-435-5390. Service animals only are allowed on the island.

- Rent a bicycle or bring your own (fee may apply)
- Summertime cantina, live music, bicycle rentals, and tours by Segway or tram provided by Angel Island Co.; for recorded information, call: 415-435-3544
- Environmental campsites and group campsites may be reserved; call: 1-800-444-7275

SAN FRANCISCO MARITIME NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK: N. of Beach St. from Van Ness Ave. to Hyde St., San Francisco. Historic ships are moored at the Hyde Street Pier. Pier entry is free; fee applies to board the ships. Open daily, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM. The pier and some exhibits are wheelchair accessible. Visitor center at Jefferson and Hyde is open daily, 9:30 AM–5:00 PM; no charge for entry. Call: 415-447-5000.

AQUATIC PARK: N. of Beach St., from Van Ness Ave. to Hyde St., San Francisco. The Aquatic Park Bathhouse, completed in 1939, contains striking mosaics by Sargent Johnson and interior murals by Hilaire Hiler. Rotating maritime exhibits on display; open daily, 10 AM–4 PM. Aquatic Park includes lawns

and a sandy beach popular with bay swimmers. Public use of the Dolphin Club and South End Rowing Club facilities available to swimmers for a fee on alternating days, Tues.–Sat., 10 or 11 AM (depending on season) to 6 PM; ring the doorbell for entry. For recorded information on San Francisco's beach water quality, call: 877-732-3224.

- Fish for smelt, flounder, or sculpin from the 1,850-foot Municipal Pier

SAN FRANCISCO HOSTEL: Fort Mason, near Bay and Franklin streets, San Francisco. Shared and private rooms, guest kitchen, café, and outdoor deck. Call: 415-771-7277.

FORT MASON CENTER: Marina Blvd. off Buchanan St., San Francisco. Galleries, performance spaces, conference center, and restaurant. Self-guided history tour available at Fort Mason office, Building A. Fee parking.

- For current events, see www.fortmason.org

Keep in Mind

Angel Island, Sausalito, Tiburon, and other destinations are served by Blue and Gold ferries from San Francisco's Pier 41; for recorded information, call: 415-773-1188. For separate ferry service to Angel Island from Tiburon, call: 415-435-2131.

MARINA GREEN: N. of Marina Blvd., between Buchanan and Scott streets, San Francisco. Expansive lawn with terrific views. Snack stand is near Lyon Street.

- Kite-flying
- Fitness course facilities

SAN FRANCISCO MARINA: N. of Marina Blvd., W. of Fort Mason, San Francisco. Some 700 boat slips are in two groups, separated by the Marina Green. Guest berths available on a first-come, first-served basis. No fishing allowed within the marina. Parking is free, but some spaces reserved for slip holders. Call: 415-831-6322.



Mural by Hilaire Hiler at Aquatic Park Bathhouse



Pier 7, Embarcadero



San Francisco County

San Francisco Northeast

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Alcatraz Island			•					•		•	•	•	•			•		•
Fisherman's Wharf							•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•
Aquarium of the Bay								•		•		•	•				•	•
Embarcadero			•	•			•	•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•
Exploratorium										•		•	•				•	•
South Beach Harbor			•	•			•					•					•	•

ALCATRAZ ISLAND: Access via ferry from Pier 33, San Francisco. A maximum-security prison from 1934 to 1963, now part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Access to Alcatraz is only by boats operated by Alcatraz Cruises from Pier 33. Ferries run daily starting about 9 AM; return trips occur until at least 4:25 PM (earlier and later departures available seasonally). Advance reservations needed; call: 415-981-7625. Entry to the island itself is free, but fee applies for the ferry.

The ferry from San Francisco and the island's dock are wheelchair accessible; for information on other accessible facilities, call: 415-561-4900. An electric shuttle runs between the dock and the top of the hill. No food service on the island; picnicking allowed only at the landing dock.

- Docent-led walks highlight military history, prison inmates who spent time there, and natural history
- Visitors may wander the island independently
- Available audio tour with reminiscences of Alcatraz prisoners and guards

FISHERMAN'S WHARF: Jefferson and Taylor streets, San Francisco. Eating places, commercial attractions, souvenir shops, and street performers are all here; there are fishing boats too.

- Sport fishing and whale-watching trips available from several vendors
- Ferries and tour boats leave Piers 41 and 45



Aquarium of the Bay, viewing dome inside fish tank

- Pier 45 is home to the U.S.S. *Pampanito*, a World War II-vintage submarine; open daily (fee applies)
- Pier 39 is lined with restaurants and shops and has a marina; for guest berth information, call: 415-705-5436
- California sea lions can be seen on a floating dock at Pier 39

AQUARIUM OF THE BAY: Pier 39, the Embarcadero at Beach St., San Francisco. Focuses on the biological riches of San Francisco Bay. Open daily except December 25; hours vary seasonally. Call: 415-623-5300.

- Transparent tunnels are surrounded by giant seabass, octopus, and schools of anchovies. Shark feeding demonstrations
- Touch tanks

EMBARCADERO: Waterfront from Fisherman's Wharf to Pier 40, San Francisco. Waterfront promenade borders some of the pier buildings, such as Pier 3. The wide

Embarcadero sidewalk bears the name of long-time newspaper columnist Herb Caen. Historic streetcars carry passengers along the Embarcadero north of the Ferry Building.

- Restaurants, food vendors, and the popular Ferry Building farmers market
- Fishing at Pier 7 and the pier at the foot of Mission Street

EXPLORATORIUM: Pier 15, San Francisco. Engaging hands-on exhibits and demonstrations about astronomy, living things, and everyday science, with something of interest for all ages. Open Tues.-Sun. 10 AM-5 PM, with additional open hours on some evenings and Monday holidays; call: 415-528-4360.

SOUTH BEACH HARBOR: Between Pier 40 and AT&T Park, San Francisco. Marina contains 700 slips and a guest dock, with shoreline park adjacent; call: 415-495-4911. The nearest public boat launch is near Pier 54.



San Francisco County

San Francisco Presidio to Lands End

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Presidio of San Francisco	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Crissy Field Beach	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Crissy Marsh			•				•						•	•		•	•		
Gulf of the Farallones Visitor Center								•			•	•	•			•	•		
Fort Point		•	•	•				•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•		
Marshall's Beach	•	•	•						•									•	
Baker Beach	•	•	•						•	•		•	•	•		•	•		
China Beach	•	•			•				•				•	•		•	•		
Lands End Trail		•	•					•								•	•		

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO:

N.W. corner of San Francisco. Once a military post under the flags of Spain (1776–1822), Mexico (1822–1848), and the U.S. (1848–1994), the Presidio is now managed by the National Park Service and the Presidio Trust. Visitor center is on Moraga Ave. at Arguello Boulevard.

- Hiking trails and bicycle routes
- Rob Hill Campground open to groups and families; for required reservations, call: 415-561-5444

CRISSY FIELD BEACH:

W. of San Francisco Marina, N. of Mason St., Presidio, San Francisco. Scenic beach bordered by the San Francisco Bay Trail. For recorded information on beach water quality, call: 877-732-3224. Observe posted rules for dogs in signed Wildlife Protection Area.

- Kayak launch spot
- Kite-flying on vast Crissy Field lawn
- Crissy Field Center has a café and offers kids' summer camps; call: 415-561-7690

CRISSY MARSH:

Between Mason St. and the Bay Trail, Presidio, San Francisco. Paved or packed-earth paths ring the marsh.

- Look for shorebirds, great blue herons, and wintertime ducks

GULF OF THE FARALLONES VISITOR CENTER:

W. Crissy Field, near Mason St. and Fort Point, San Francisco. The Visitor Center has exhibits about the Gulf of the Farallones National

Marine Sanctuary, which is located between the mainland and the Farallon Islands. Open Wed.–Sun., 10 AM–4 PM. Call: 415-561-6625.

FORT POINT: *Off Lincoln Blvd., beneath the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco.* A National Historic Site. Partially wheelchair accessible. Open Fri.–Sun., 10 AM–5 PM (additional days in summer).

- History tours and cannon-loading demonstrations
- Winter-time candlelight tours and pier-crabbing demonstrations; for required reservations, call: 415-556-1693
- Warming Hut with café and bookshop, and public fishing pier, are a quarter-mile east of Fort Point

MARSHALL'S BEACH: *W. of Lincoln Blvd., off Langdon Ct., San Francisco Presidio.* Reachable on foot only via the Batteries-to-Bluffs Trail and steps.

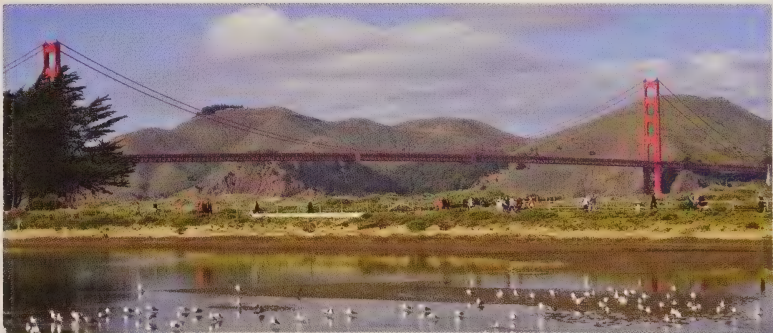
BAKER BEACH: *W. of Lincoln Blvd., off 25th Ave., San Francisco.*

Mile-long sandy beach, backed by dunes. Parking areas hold more than 160 vehicles; lots close at 7 PM. Always leash your dog in the parking and picnic areas. Call: 415-561-4323.

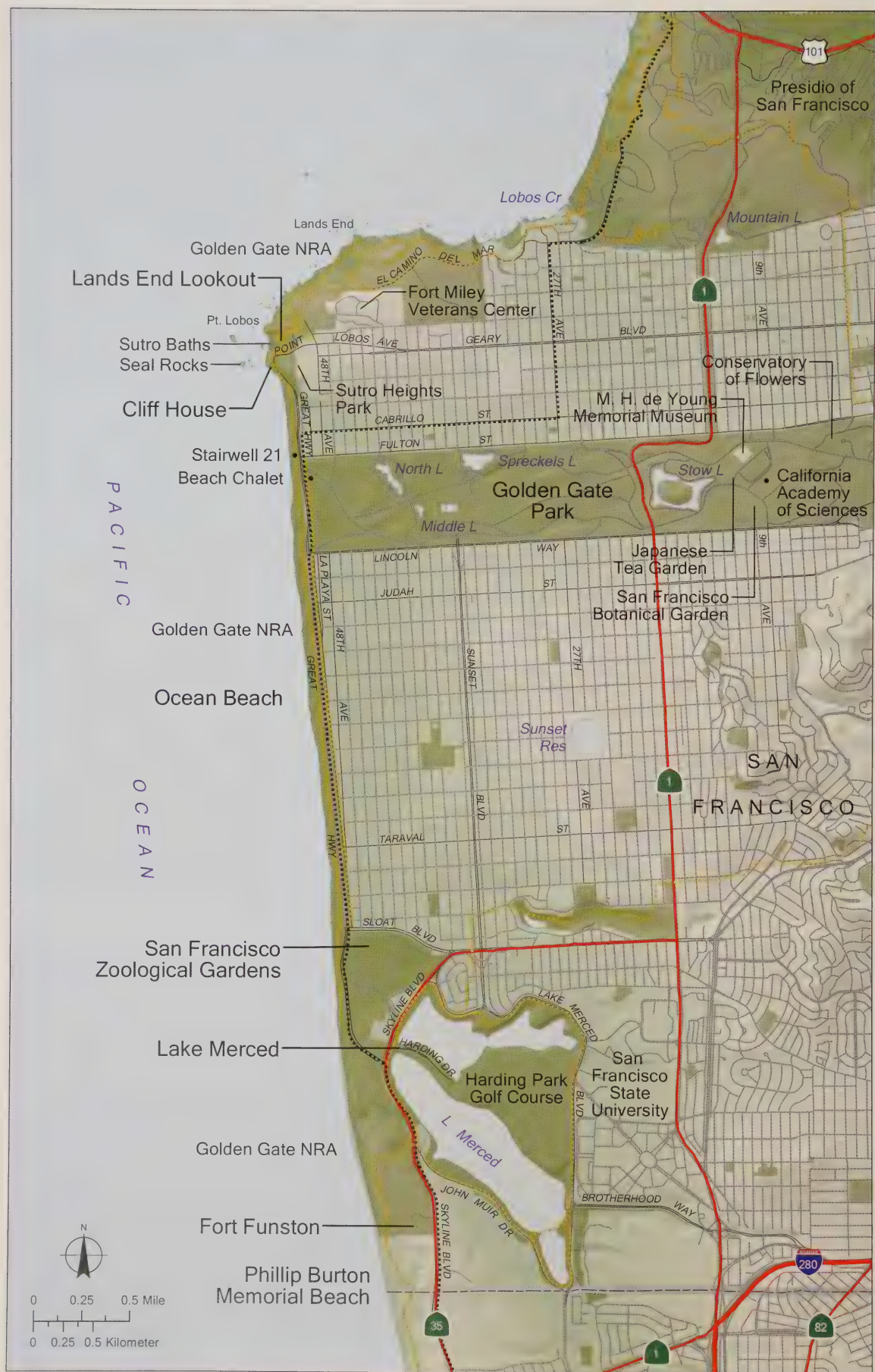
- Artillery demonstrations at Battery Chamberlin on the first full weekend of each month, 11 AM–3 PM
- Lobos Creek Trail through dunes, east of Lincoln Blvd. and south of Bowley Street
- Northern end of beach is clothing optional

CHINA BEACH: *Seacliff Ave. near El Camino Del Mar, San Francisco.* Sandy cove beach. Parking atop the bluff; steep paved walkway. Surf too rough for swimming.

LANDS END TRAIL: *N. of Fort Miley Veterans Center, San Francisco.* Starting from Point Lobos Ave., a spectacular segment of the California Coastal Trail leads north and east along high bluffs about a mile with spur trail downhill to Lands End.



Crissy Marsh





San Francisco County

San Francisco West

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Lands End Lookout			•	•							•	•	•		•	•	•		
Cliff House		•	•	•				•			•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Golden Gate Park			•	•					•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Ocean Beach	•		•	•					•			•					•	•	
San Francisco Zoological Gardens								•			•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Lake Merced			•	•			•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•	
Fort Funston	•		•	•				•		•			•	•			•	•	
Phillip Burton Memorial Beach	•		•						•										

LANDS END LOOKOUT: *Point Lobos Ave., San Francisco.* Visitor center with exhibits, book-shop, and café. Great view of Seal Rocks. Call: 415-426-5240.

CLIFF HOUSE: *Point Lobos Ave. and Great Hwy., San Francisco.* Built in 1909, the Cliff House contains restaurants, gift shops, and public viewing areas. The first Cliff House, constructed in 1863, was destroyed by fire, as was the grand Victorian edifice that replaced it. For information on the Cliff House area, call: 415-426-5240.

- Camera obscura projects
- 360° view of Seal Rocks

GOLDEN GATE PARK: *E. of Great Hwy., between Fulton St. and Lincoln Way, San Francisco.* A great urban park, created largely from windswept sand dunes. Trails, lawns, picnic areas, and much more; some amenities charge an entrance fee. Attractions include:

- California Academy of Sciences, housing the Steinhart Aquarium and Morrison Planetarium
- M.H. de Young Memorial Museum
- Japanese Tea Garden
- Conservatory of Flowers
- San Francisco Botanical Garden
- Pedal boats on Stow Lake

OCEAN BEACH: *W. of Great Hwy., San Francisco.* Long sandy beach with powerful waves and rip currents; swimming unsafe. Large parking areas north of Lincoln Way; to the

Golden Gate National Recreation Area

The recreation area known as GGNRA stretches from Marin County through San Francisco to San Mateo County and is one of the National Park System's most popular units. Among the GGNRA

destinations in San Francisco are Ocean Beach, the Cliff House, China Beach, Baker Beach, the Presidio of San Francisco, Fort Point, and Alcatraz Island. For information, call: 415-561-4323.

south, multi-purpose paths extend along both sides of the Great Highway. On-street parking on La Playa St. and lower Great Highway; pedestrian crossings at every other block. Restrooms are at Judah and Taraval streets. Dogs allowed on parts of the beach; observe posted restrictions. A Snowy Plover Protection Area is designated from Stairwell 21 to Sloat Boulevard. Call: 415-561-4323. For recorded beach water quality information, call: 877-732-3224.

- Fishing
- Big wave surfing

SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS: *Sloat Blvd. at Great Hwy., San Francisco.* More than 250 species of animals on display. Open daily, 10 AM–4 PM (5 PM in summer). Wheelchairs available for rent. No pets allowed; service animals may enter, except where zoo animals are free-roaming. Call: 415-753-7080.

LAKE MERCED: *E. of Skyline Blvd. and Great Hwy., San Francisco.* Lake has two parts, separated by Harding Park Golf Course. Parking areas are at the foot of Sunset Blvd. and

off Lake Merced Blvd., John Muir Dr., and Harding Road.

- 18-hole championship and 9-hole golf courses; call: 415-664-4690
- Walking, bicycling, and jogging around the lake
- Fishing

FORT FUNSTON: *W. of Skyline Blvd., .4 mi. S. of John Muir Dr., San Francisco.* Paved paths along high bluffs; beach access via sand ladders. Enter from south-bound lanes only off Skyline Boulevard. Call: 415-561-4323.

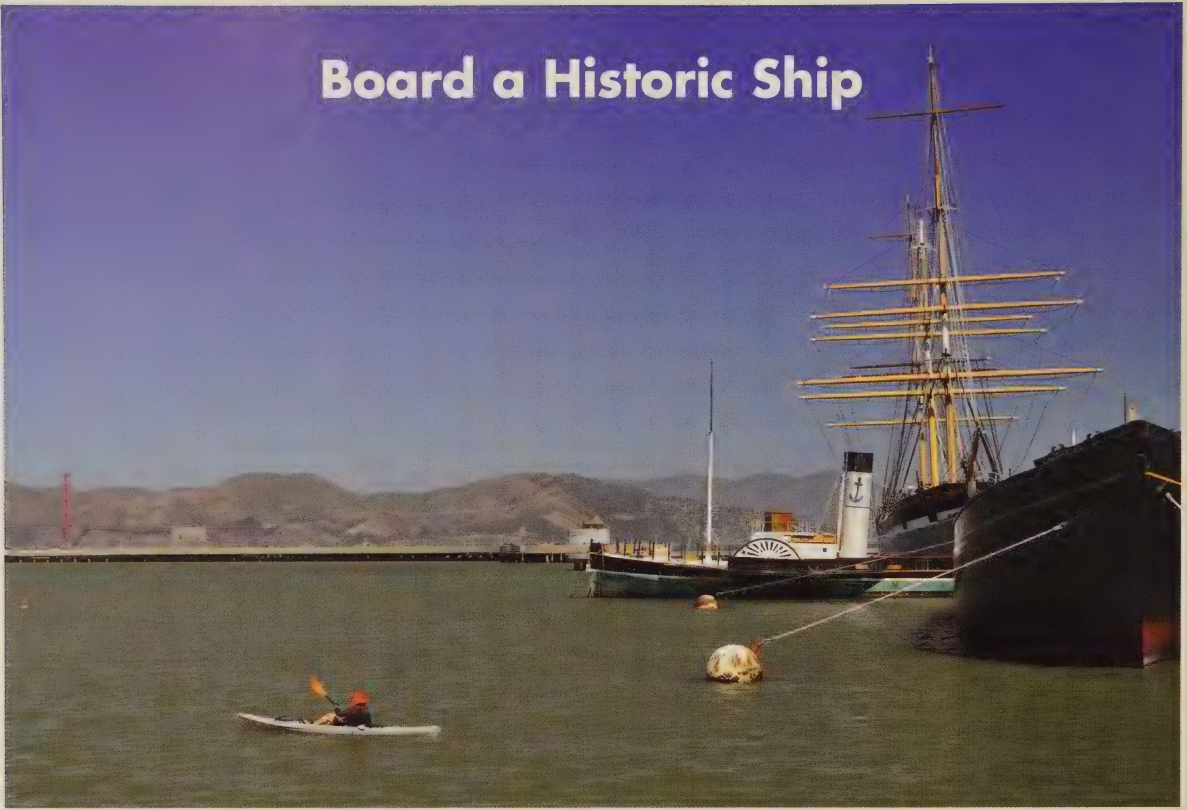
- Hang gliding
- Popular dog-walking spot (observe posted restrictions)

PHILLIP BURTON MEMORIAL BEACH: *S. of Fort Funston, San Francisco.* Access from Fort Funston; beach can be narrow, depending on tides.



Fort Funston

Board a Historic Ship



Ships moored off Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco

AMONG THE HISTORIC VESSELS berthed at the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park is the three-masted, square-rigged sailing ship *Balclutha*, launched in 1886 in Glasgow, Scotland. The *Balclutha* carried cargo between European ports and San Francisco, traveling around Cape Horn at the tip of South America, and later hauled lumber across the Pacific to Australia. The paddle-wheel-powered ferryboat *Eureka*, another workhorse vessel, carried passengers, rail cars, and, later, automobiles between Sausalito and San Francisco. The ferryboat's "double-end" design allowed quick loading and unloading at either end of the route, without the need to turn the boat around. The Hyde Street Pier, where the ships are docked, itself is historic. The pier was once the terminus for Sausalito-bound auto ferries, as well as auto ferries to Berkeley. The famous Ferry Building, located south and east along San Francisco's waterfront, served passenger ferries only. Although auto ferry service on San Francisco Bay came to an end in 1956 after completion of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, numerous passenger ferries and bay excursion boats depart daily from San Francisco's Piers 41, 39, and 33.

Other historic ships at the Hyde Street Pier include the paddle-wheeled tugboat

Eppleton Hall, the tugboat *Hercules*, and the wooden-hulled lumber schooner *C.A. Thayer*. The scow schooner *Alma*, built at San Francisco's Hunters Point in 1891, takes visitors on cruises around San Francisco Bay during the summer and fall months; for departure times, call: 415-447-5000.

Moored at Alameda on San Francisco Bay is the aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Hornet*, which saw service in World War II and in 1969 rendezvoused in the Pacific Ocean with the returning astronauts of the *Apollo 11* and *12* lunar missions. The *Hornet* Museum is open daily from 10 AM to 5 PM except certain holidays; for information, call: 510-521-8448. Another veteran of World War II is the Liberty Ship *Jeremiah O'Brien*, berthed at Pier 45 in San Francisco and open to visitors daily from 9 AM to 4 PM. The *Jeremiah O'Brien* occasionally carries visitors on excursions around San Francisco Bay. Also at Pier 45 is the submarine U.S.S. *Pampanito*, open daily at 9 AM; for closing hours, call: 415-775-1943.

The oldest ship among the superb holdings of the Maritime Museum of San Diego, indeed the world's oldest sailing ship still active, is the *Star of India*. In 1863, when sailing ships were typically built of wood, the *Euterpe*, as the ship was known at first,

was built with an iron hull. Originally outfitted with a full complement of sails in a manner known as “full-rigged,” the vessel was later rebuilt as a “barque,” referring to a sail arrangement that could be managed by a smaller crew. The *Euterpe* carried cargo and later emigrants on the long haul from Great Britain to New Zealand and Australia. Relying on wind power, the ship completed more than 20 round-the-world trips.

Also at the Maritime Museum of San Diego is H.M.S. *Surprise*, a replica of an 18th-century British Royal Navy frigate, outfitted with 24 guns. The *Medea* is a steam yacht built in 1904 purely for the pleasure of its wealthy owner, who used the vessel for hunting trips around the Scottish isles. During World War I, the *Medea* was converted to service as a French gunboat, again flying the British flag following that war. The schooner *Californian*, launched at San Diego in 1984, is the state’s official tall ship. The *Californian* sometimes carries visitors on voyages off the California coast; for information, call: 619-234-9153. Near the Maritime Museum on San Diego’s waterfront is the San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum, home of the U.S.S. *Midway*. On display on the *Midway* are nearly 30 restored military aircraft, including fighter planes and helicopters.

The S.S. *Lane Victory*, which carried troops and cargo during World War II, is moored at San Pedro’s Berth 49. The ship is open daily except Thursday, 11 AM to 4 PM. Also at San Pedro is the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, which includes among its collection the Los Angeles

harbor tugboat *Angels Gate*. The enormous battleship U.S.S. *Iowa*, now moored at San Pedro, during World War II carried President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Mediterranean Sea for wartime conferences and later served in battle campaigns in the Pacific. The ship is open daily, 10 AM–5 PM, except certain holidays. For information, call: 877-446-9261.

The Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum collection includes the wooden-hulled ferry *Madaket*, which was built at nearby Fairhaven in 1910. The *Madaket* now serves visitors on cruises around Humboldt Bay; for information, call: 707-445-1910. At Dana Point Harbor’s Ocean Institute the *Pilgrim*, a full-scale replica of a 19th-century brig, is open to visitors most Sunday afternoons; call: 949-496-2274. The *Pilgrim* departs annually for training trips around the Channel Islands, carrying a crew who learn seafaring skills. The return of the ship to Dana Point Harbor each year is marked with a Tall Ships Festival; see www.tallshipsfestival.com. The Museum of Monterey, Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, and Ventura County Maritime Museum offer a wealth of information about California’s maritime history.

Of all the historic ships open to visitors on the California coast, the largest of all, surpassing in length even the *Midway* and the *Iowa*, is the luxury passenger liner *Queen Mary*, now berthed at Long Beach. The 1,019-foot-long *Queen Mary* is now a floating hotel, with restaurants, exhibits, and regular events; see: www.queenmary.com.



Frigate H.M.S. *Surprise* and steam ferry *Berkeley*, Maritime Museum of San Diego





Mussel Rock City Park, Daly City

SAN MATEO COUNTY

THE SOUTH San Mateo County villages of San Gregorio and Pescadero retain the character of 19th-century farming and fishing communities. In contrast, Daly City and Pacifica to the north are populous suburban areas. Half Moon Bay, located midway along the county's coast, has a Main Street-centered downtown that offers a range of urban services while maintaining the appeal of a country town. Although the water is generally too cold and hazardous for swimming, the ocean beaches of San Mateo County are popular for tidepooling, wildlife viewing, and shore fishing. Upland areas of the county's coast provide ample opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. The county's rugged coastal topography offers many high-elevation vantage points for taking in coastal views.

View the coast from on high

From Mussel Rock City Park in Daly City, visitors enjoy views of a miles-long beach stretching north toward the Golden Gate. Mori Point in Pacifica is a high, rocky promontory with superlative views of coast and ocean. A new opportunity for high-elevation views has been afforded by the construction of the Devils Slide bypass and tunnel south of Pacifica; the old Hwy. One route along sheer cliffs has been transformed into a multi-use trail, part of the California

Coastal Trail. Reaching the top of Montara Mountain on foot combines a good workout with grand coastal views; approach from San Pedro Valley County Park or from Montara State Beach. Many fine coastal vistas can be enjoyed from units of the **Golden Gate National Recreation Area**, the urban park that stretches from Marin County through San Francisco to San Mateo County, measuring some 80,000 acres in all.

Pacifica's Sweeney Ridge, part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, offers perhaps the most dramatic panorama of all, one that includes the Pacific Ocean, the city of San Francisco, and the southern part of San Francisco Bay. The so-called San Francisco Bay Discovery Site on Sweeney Ridge is marked with a granite cylinder. There in 1769 members of Gaspar de Portolá's expedition first sighted San Francisco Bay. Of course, Native Americans had lived around the bay for millennia. The monument is reached by a mile-long paved trail starting at the west end of Sneath Ln. off Skyline Blvd. in San Bruno.

Explore tidepools

The James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve in Moss Beach is one of the richest intertidal areas in California; more than two dozen species new to science have been discovered here. Abundant marine life at the reserve includes giant green anemones, limpets,



James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve

chitons, barnacles, spiny purple sea urchins, sea palms, surfgrass, feather boa kelp, and several species of crabs and snails. Kelp greenling, cabezon, lingcod, rockfish, and red abalone are found among offshore kelp beds. The marine reserve is a highly popular destination, and it could easily be loved to death; enjoy the close-up view of marine creatures and plants, but do not pry animals off the rocks, move shells or vegetation, or take anything away. *Watch your step around tidepools.*

Rocky shore can be viewed at numerous other locations in San Mateo County. There are tidepools in the cove beach near **Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel**; day visitors are requested to check in first at the hostel office. Extensive rocky shore is found at **Pescadero State Beach**, especially near the parking area at the end of Pescadero Road. A rocky reef, part of **Bean Hollow State Beach**, can be reached via beach stairs off Hwy. One a little over a mile south of Pescadero Road. Rocky areas and tidepools are found near **Pigeon Point**, both north and south of the lighthouse.

Fish from shore, or offshore

Anglers on **Pacifica Pier** may catch sanddabs, surfperch, or Dungeness crab. At **Pillar Point Harbor** in Half Moon Bay there is public fishing from the pier located on the west side of the harbor. No fishing license is required at Pacifica Pier or Pillar Point Harbor pier, although catch limits apply. At Pillar Point Harbor, Half Moon Bay Sportfishing offers fishing gear, bait, and charter trips that go after salmon, rockfish, halibut, or lingcod; call: 650-728-3377. Whale-watching excursions are also available. The boat called the *New Captain Pete* can be chartered for ocean-going trips for fishing or wildlife viewing; call: 650-726-6224. Surfperch and striped bass are caught from shore at Pacifica's **Rockaway Beach** and **Linda Mar Beach**, and the beaches along Half Moon Bay are popular with anglers.

Ride horseback

The **Coastside Trail** that runs through Half Moon Bay is a well-used equestrian route that parallels the shoreline. There is horse trailer

parking at Blufftop Coastal Park, adjacent to the trail. Horse rentals, stabling, instruction, and tours are provided by nearby vendors, including Sea Horse Ranch (650-726-9903), Sunday Farms (650-773-5365), Maloney's Horses (650-440-5434), and Kastl Rock Ranch (650-333-9987). Riders on horseback ascend Montara Mountain from Montara State Beach and use trails at Rancho Corral de Tierra. In Daly City near the San Mateo County line, Mar Vista Stables offers horseback rides on the beach, lessons, and other equestrian services; call: 650-991-4224.

Visit a farm stand

The marine terraces along the San Mateo County coast are blessed with rich soils and a favorable climate for agriculture. Half Moon Bay is renowned for its fields of Christmas trees and autumn pumpkins. The Art and Pumpkin Festival features entertainment, pick-your-own pumpkin fields, and a weigh-off for compact-car-sized contenders. The festival takes place annually on the weekend after Columbus Day. Artichokes, Brussels sprouts, and berries are also grown along the San Mateo County coast; to pick up produce to take with you, look for farm-stands along Hwy. One, especially south of Half Moon Bay. Farmers markets take place from May through December at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica (Wednesdays from 2:30 to 6:30 PM) and at Half Moon Bay, at Shoreline Station southeast of the Hwy. One /Hwy. 92 intersection (Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM).



Giant green sea anemone, James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve



Pumpkin field at Half Moon Bay



Fishing off Pacifica Pier





San Mateo County

Daly City and North Pacifica

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Thornton Beach Vista									•	•			•	•				•	
Thornton Beach	•																		
Mussel Rock City Park			•						•	•								•	
Pacific Manor Beach	•	•	•						•	•								•	
San Francisco RV Resort				•						•							•	•	•
Sharp Park Beach	•		•	•					•	•		•	•				•	•	•
Pacifica Pier									•	•		•	•				•	•	•
Beachfront Path	•		•	•					•	•									
Sharp Park Golf Course																	•	•	•
Milagra Ridge			•						•			•						•	•

THORNTON BEACH VISTA: *W. end of John Daly Blvd., Daly City.* Views of the distant Farallon Islands; no beach access.

- Fixed telescopes on site

THORNTON BEACH: *Shoreline W. of Daly City.* Foot access from Fort Funston on the north or Mussel Rock City Park on the south. The beach narrows dramatically during high tide; before visiting, consult a tide table.

MUSSEL ROCK CITY PARK: *Westline Dr., off Skyline Dr., Daly City.* A rough-and-tumble park with tremendous views and few facilities. From Skyline Dr. (not Skyline Blvd.) turn onto Westline Dr. and proceed to the parking area. Informal trails lead to the beach.

- Paragliders launch from blufftop terraces

PACIFIC MANOR BEACH: *W. of Esplanade Ave., Pacifica.* Stairs to the beach in the 100 block of Esplanade Ave.; off-leash dogs OK. Farther south, near the end of Manor Dr., a steep sandy path leads down the bluff. A linear blufftop park has replaced residences removed due to erosion.

SAN FRANCISCO RV RESORT: *700 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica.* RV camping overlooking the sea. Full hookups available; some sites are pull-through to accommodate large vehicles. Heated pool, hot tub, gift shop, laundry, dump station, and free WiFi.

Call: 650-355-7093; for reservations, call: 1-800-822-1250. Paved public blufftop path extends through the grounds of the RV Resort. Public parking lot on south side of the RV Resort, but no safe beach access there.

SHARP PARK BEACH: *From Paloma Ave. to Mori Pt., Pacifica.* Dark sand beach, bordered by turquoise waters. Paved pedestrian promenade runs along Beach Blvd. south of Paloma Avenue. On stormy days waves can splash over the promenade. No-fee parking lots are south of Pacifica Pier.

PACIFICA PIER: *Foot of Santa Rosa Ave., Pacifica.* A café is located next to Beach Boulevard. Pier open 4 AM–10 PM. Call: 650-738-7381.

- Pier fishing; no license required but catch limits apply

BEACHFRONT PATH: *From Clarendon Rd. to Mori Point, Pacifica.* Packed-earth path atop

an embankment extends from Pacifica Pier to Mori Point; wide beach is adjacent.

SHARP PARK GOLF COURSE: *Sharp Park Rd. and Francisco Blvd., W. of Hwy. One, Pacifica.* Public 18-hole course is owned by the city of San Francisco; moderate greens fees. Facilities include a clubhouse and restaurant. Call: 650-359-3380.

MILAGRA RIDGE: *Sharp Park Rd., E. of Hwy. One, Pacifica.* Turn north off Sharp Park Rd. opposite College Dr.; roadside parking. Some hiking paths are paved. The site includes old defense installations, such as a post-World War II-era Nike missile station. Chemical toilet located one-quarter mile from parking area. Due to rare wildlife, dogs may be prohibited in some areas. Call: 415-561-3034.

- Look for hawks hunting over the steep slopes
- Spectacular views



Beachfront path north of Mori Point



San Mateo County Pacifica

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mori Point	•	•						•		•							•	•	
Sweeney Ridge			•							•							•	•	
Bay Area Ridge Trail			•																
Reina del Mar Trail Access			•	•						•			•	•				•	
Rockaway Beach	•	•	•						•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Linda Mar Beach	•	•	•	•					•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Sanchez Adobe County Historic Site											•	•					•	•	
San Pedro Valley County Park			•						•		•		•	•			•	•	•

MORI POINT: *Off Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of Pacifica Pier, Pacifica.* High promontory affords tremendous vistas of sea and rocky coast. Roadside parking is on Bradford Way off Hwy. One; trails lead seaward. The paved multi-use California Coastal Trail located on the shoulder of Hwy. One links Mori Point to Rockaway Beach.

- Spring wildflowers include Indian paintbrush, tidytips, and goldfields

SWEENEY RIDGE: *E. of Hwy. One, S. of Sharp Park, Pacifica.* Trailhead with parking and restrooms is located behind the Sheldance Nursery off Hwy. One, one-quarter mile south of Sharp Park Rd. (but accessible only to northbound vehicles). A second trailhead is located at the end of Fassler Ave.; on-street parking only. A third trailhead is located at Skyline College in San Bruno; the trail begins at the southwest end of parking lot B. Several parking spots in that lot are reserved for GGNRA use on weekends and holidays.

- One of the Bay Area's grand vistas is available from the top of Sweeney Ridge

BAY AREA RIDGE TRAIL: *Along ridges surrounding San Francisco Bay.* Loop trail for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians is planned to run some 550 miles on high ground around the greater San Francisco Bay Area. Over 325 miles of trail are currently open. See: www.ridgetrail.org.



Linda Mar Beach, Pacifica

REINA DEL MAR TRAIL ACCESS: *Off Hwy. One at Reina del Mar Ave., Pacifica.* Scenic multi-use path with benches starts at parking area off Hwy. One and winds along Calera Creek to Rockaway Beach.

ROCKAWAY BEACH: *Foot of Rockaway Beach Ave., Pacifica.* Scenic cove is bounded by rocky headlands. Parking at the ends of Rockaway Beach Ave. and San Marlo Way. Be alert for high waves that may break over the seawall onto the pedestrian promenade. Additional parking is at the south end of Old County Rd., where there are restrooms.

- Surf fishing
- Pacifica Visitor Center, 225 Rockaway Beach Ave., open daily, 10 AM–4 PM; call: 650-355-4122

LINDA MAR BEACH: *Hwy. One between Crespi Dr. and Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica.* A broad crescent of white sand. Fee parking

is next to the beach and also inland of Hwy. One at Crespi Drive. Call: 650-738-7381.

- Popular surfing area, with waves suitable for different skill levels (but watch out for rip currents)

SANCHEZ ADOBE COUNTY HISTORIC SITE: *Linda Mar Blvd., 1 mi. E. of Hwy. One, Pacifica.* A small museum occupies an adobe structure built between 1842 and 1846. Open Tues.–Thurs., 10 AM–4 PM, and Sat.–Sun., 1–5 PM; closed on holidays. Call: 650-359-1462.

SAN PEDRO VALLEY COUNTY PARK: *End of Linda Mar Blvd., Pacifica.* Facilities include picnic sites with barbecues, group picnic area, and paved paths. Day-use fee applies; park opens daily at 8 AM, and closing time varies seasonally.

- Short, self-guided nature trail
- Two-mile-long trail to the summit of Montara Mountain



Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel

San Mateo County

Montara to Pillar Point Harbor

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Devils Slide Trail			•	•				•								•	•		
Gray Whale Cove State Beach	•		•						•			•				•	•	•	
Montara State Beach	•		•						•	•		•				•	•		
Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel	•	•						•	•		•	•	•			•	•	•	
James V. Fitzgerald Marine Reserve	•	•	•					•			•					•	•		
Pillar Point Bluff Trails			•						•							•	•		
West Beach Trail	•	•	•						•				•	•		•	•		
Pillar Point Harbor	•		•		•	•	•		•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•
East Breakwater		•		•					•								•	•	
Rancho Corral de Tierra			•	•				•											



Pillar Point Harbor

DEVILS SLIDE TRAIL: *W. of Hwy. One from 1 mi. S. of Pacifica to .5 mi. N. of Gray Whale Cove State Beach.* This segment of the California Coastal Trail was made possible by construction of the Hwy. One tunnel bypass.

GRAY WHALE COVE STATE BEACH: *Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Devils Slide, Montara.* Park on the inland side of Hwy. One; use caution crossing the road. California State Parks annual day-use pass not accepted. Picnic area on the bluff. Call: 650-726-8819. Clothing-optional beach.

MONTARA STATE BEACH: *Hwy. One and 1st St., Montara.* Beach stairs located seaward of the restaurant opposite the end of 1st St.; public parking in the restaurant's two lots daily and also in adjacent state beach lot. Additional access to Montara State Beach from an unpaved parking area four-tenths of a mile north of 1st Street. Call: 650-726-8819.

POINT MONTARA LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL: *Hwy. One and 16th St., Montara.* Shared and private rooms and communal living room and kitchen. Laundry facilities and free WiFi. Open year round. Between 7:30 AM and 10:30 PM, call: 650-728-7177.

- Day visitors welcome, but visit the hostel office first

JAMES V. FITZGERALD MARINE RESERVE: *Foot of California Ave., Moss Beach.* Rich intertidal area. Do not pry animals off the rocks, move shells or vegetation, or take anything away. Call: 650-728-3584. Parking is near the seaward end of California Avenue. A loop trail opposite the foot of California Ave. leads south to Seal Cove, with more tidepools but no parking.

- See giant green anemones, limpets, chitons, barnacles, spiny purple sea urchins, sea palms, and more

PILLAR POINT BLUFF TRAILS:

Off Airport St., 1 mi. S. of Cypress Ave., Pillar Point area. Ocean views and summer wild-flowers; no beach access.

WEST BEACH TRAIL:

Off West Point Ave., Princeton Harbor.

Flat half-mile trail; offshore Mavericks surf break is largely out of view. The Pillar Point Air Force Tracking Station atop the cliff is closed to the public.

PILLAR POINT HARBOR: *W. of Hwy. One and Capistrano Rd., Princeton-by-the-Sea.* There are 228 commercial and 141 recreational berths, a municipal fishing pier, six-lane boat ramp (launching fee), fuel dock, kayak rentals, and pumpout facilities. For harbor information, call: 650-726-5727.

- Buy fresh fish off the boats
- Sport-fishing and whale-watching trips

EAST BREAKWATER: *W. of Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Capistrano Rd., Half Moon Bay.* Fishing; fee parking is adjacent.

- Fish from the breakwater
- RV camping at the Pillar Point RV Park; call: 650-712-9277

RANCHO CORRAL DE TIERRA: *E. of Hwy. One, N. of Montara.* Part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Park at Gray Whale Cove State Beach and hike uphill. Another steep trail starts at Hwy. One a half-mile north of 1st Street. Call: 415-561-4323.





San Mateo County

Half Moon Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Coastside Trail			•	•						•			•	•			•		
El Granada/Surfer's Beach	•		•	•						•							•	•	•
Roosevelt Beach/Dunes Beach	•		•	•								•					•	•	•
Venice Beach	•		•	•	•	•			•			•	•				•	•	•
Half Moon Bay State Beach/Francis Beach	•		•	•	•	•				•	•		•	•			•	•	•
Blufftop Coastal Park	•		•	•						•			•				•	•	•
Wavecrest			•					•			•							•	
Redondo Beach Overlook			•														•		
Half Moon Bay Golf Links																	•	•	•
Arroyo Cañada Verde Beach	•		•										•	•			•	•	
Pelican Point RV Park				•						•							•	•	•

COASTSIDE TRAIL: *Pillar Point Harbor to Purisima Creek, Half Moon Bay.* Nine-mile-long trail spans Half Moon Bay; parts are paved and wheelchair accessible. Equestrians also use the path. Reach the Coastside Trail from Mirada Rd., Young Ave., Kelly Ave., Poplar St., and Miramontes Point Road. The separate Naomi Patridge Trail runs along Hwy. One through Half Moon Bay.

EL GRANADA/SURFER'S BEACH: *Between East Breakwater and Mirada Rd., Half Moon Bay.* Fee parking at the foot of the East Breakwater; no-fee parking is inland of Hwy. One off Obispo Road. Limited public beach parking in one lot behind the Miramar Beach Restaurant. Beach access also at the end of Mirada Rd. (very limited street parking); turn off Hwy. One about one-half mile south of Magellan Avenue.

ROOSEVELT BEACH/DUNES BEACH: *Foot of Young Ave., Half Moon Bay.* At the end of Young Ave., turn right to Roosevelt Beach or left to Dunes Beach. Sand dunes, picnic tables, and plenty of parking. Call: 650-726-8819.

- Equestrian trail runs from Dunes Beach to Francis Beach
- Horse rentals are available at two stables west of Hwy. One between Young Ave. and Venice Boulevard

VENICE BEACH: *Foot of Venice Blvd., Half Moon Bay.* Parking is close to beach level. The Sweetwood group campsite has tree-sheltered picnic tables, barbecue grills, and restrooms.

HALF MOON BAY STATE BEACH/FRANCIS BEACH: *Foot of Kelly Ave., Half Moon Bay.* Picnic area, 52-site campground, and beach wheelchair. Call: 650-726-8819.

BLUFFTOP COASTAL PARK: *Foot of Poplar Ave., Half Moon Bay.* Paved parking, including for horse trailers, and a steep dirt path to the beach. Call: 650-726-8297.

WAVECREST: *End of Wavecrest Rd., Half Moon Bay.* Baseball fields

and horseshoe courts; informal trails lead toward the shoreline. There is no beach access.

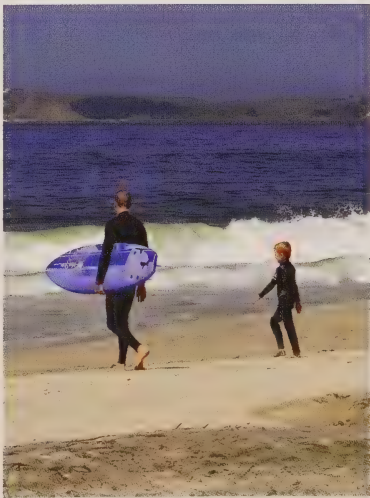
REDONDO BEACH OVERLOOK: *Foot of Redondo Beach Rd., Half Moon Bay.* Unimproved parking but no beach access. The Coastside Trail runs north and south.

HALF MOON BAY GOLF LINKS: *Two Miramontes Point Rd., Half Moon Bay.* Two 18-hole golf courses for public play are located on scenic ocean bluffs. Call: 650-726-1800.

ARROYO CAÑADA VERDE BEACH: *Off Miramontes Point Rd., .6 mi. W. of Hwy. One, Half Moon Bay.* A gorgeous cove beach is south of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. Fifteen-space parking area with wheelchair-accessible path; stairs lead to the beach. Cross the creek to proceed downcoast through the golf greens. Twenty-five additional public parking spaces for Coastside Trail users are available in the Ritz-Carlton's parking structure on a no-fee basis; ask at the entrance kiosk for a trail map. The blufftop trail runs seaward of the hotel; steep bluffs prevent beach access.

PELICAN POINT RV PARK: *Off Miramontes Point Rd., Half Moon Bay.* There are 75 RV campsites, laundry facilities, and a small store. Call: 650-726-9100.

- Tent campsites available



Roosevelt Beach, Half Moon Bay



View from Cowell-Purisima Trail, ocean overlook

San Mateo County
Cowell Ranch to
Pomponio State Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Cowell Ranch Beach	•	•														•	•		
Cowell-Purisima Trail		•										•	•			•	•		
San Gregorio Toll Road Access	•																•	•	
San Gregorio State Beach	•						•	•				•	•			•	•	•	
Pomponio State Beach	•						•	•				•	•			•	•	•	



San Gregorio State Beach

COWELL RANCH BEACH:
W. of Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Miramontes Pt. Road. A parking lot for 18 cars is located next to Hwy. One. A half-mile-long gravel trail leads to a beach stairway. The Cowell-Purisima Trail extends south a distance of three miles to a separate parking area located adjacent to Hwy. One.

COWELL-PURISIMA TRAIL:
W. of Hwy. One, 2 mi. S. of Cowell Ranch Beach parking area. A 17-car parking area equipped with restrooms is next to Hwy. One. The public trail leads west to an ocean overlook and then north three miles to Cowell Ranch Beach. There is no access to other beaches along the way. The trail which is unpaved is mostly flat but is rough in spots; wheelchair users may require assistance. The coastal terrace is actively farmed; stay on the path, obey posted signs, and respect adjacent farm operations. Trail is generally open on weekends and federal holidays, 8 AM–sunset; occasional closure

of the trail may occur when spraying of the fields is underway.

- Trail open to pedestrians and bicyclists; due to agricultural operations, no dogs or horses allowed

SAN GREGORIO TOLL ROAD ACCESS: *Off Hwy. One, .1 mi. N. of La Honda Rd./Hwy. 84, San Gregorio.* Look for the white vehicle entrance gate among trees. Private property; toll charged. Usually open on weekends, depending on the weather. Clothing optional beach.

SAN GREGORIO STATE BEACH:
Hwy. One, .1 mi. S. of La Honda Rd./Hwy. 84, San Gregorio. A large parking area on the bluff overlooks a long sandy beach strewn with driftwood. Picnic area has tables and barbecue grills. A bronze plaque commemorates the 1769 Portolá expedition's camp that was located at an Ohlone village near the mouth of San Gregorio Creek. Highly eroded bluffs; dangerous rip currents. Day-use hours are 8 AM

to sunset; entrance fee applies. Beach fires are prohibited; please do not take driftwood, shells, or other natural features. Call: 650-726-8819.

- Surf fishing

POMPONIO STATE BEACH:
Hwy. One at Pomponio Creek, Pescadero. A sandy beach extends for miles below the sandstone bluffs. Facilities include picnic tables, barbecue grills, and restrooms. Day-use hours are 8 AM to sunset; fee applies. Fires are prohibited. Call: 650-879-2170.

Keep in Mind

Dogs on a leash no longer than six feet are allowed in some developed areas within state parks, including many picnic areas, paved roads, and campgrounds (if kept in a vehicle or tent), unless posted otherwise. Other than service animals, dogs are generally not allowed on state park trails or beaches; exceptions are noted in this guide.



Pescadero State Beach

San Mateo County

Pescadero State Beach

to Bean Hollow State Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pescadero State Beach	•	•	•					•	•				•				•	•	•
Pescadero Marsh Natural Preserve			•					•											
Beach Stairs	•	•						•											
Pebble Beach	•	•								•							•	•	
Bean Hollow State Beach	•	•	•					•		•							•	•	
Overlook		•						•											

PESCADERO STATE BEACH:
Along Hwy. One from 1 mi. N. of Pescadero Rd. to .75 mi. S. of Pescadero Road. Wide sandy beach with large active sand dunes and some gorgeous rocky shoreline. There are three parking lots: at the end of Pescadero Rd., two-tenths of a mile north of Pescadero Rd., and one mile north of Pescadero Road. The northernmost parking area provides the easiest access on foot to a fine-sand beach; parking fee applies. Beach fires prohibited; parking lots are open 8 AM–sunset. Call: 650-879-2170.

- Look for harbor seals hauled out on nearshore rocks
- Anglers poke-pole for monkey-face eels in the tidepools

PESCADERO MARSH NATURAL PRESERVE: *E. of Hwy. One, N. of Pescadero Road.* Largest coastal marsh between San Francisco Bay and Elkhorn Slough; a major destination for birders. Over-wintering waterfowl and migratory shorebirds can be sighted, along with marsh

birds that breed here. One trail starts opposite the northernmost parking lot at Pescadero State Beach; use extreme caution in crossing the highway. Another trail, somewhat overgrown, starts at a small dirt pull-out on Pescadero Rd. just east of Hwy. One. Call: 650-879-2170.

- Best birding during the late fall and early spring
- Docents lead two-hour-long nature walks each month, on the first Sunday at 10 AM and on the third Sunday at 1 PM; meet at the middle parking lot of Pescadero State Beach

BEACH STAIRS: *Off Hwy. One, 1.1 mi. S. of Pescadero Road.* An unsigned portion of Bean Hollow State Beach. Short paths lead to a beach made up of pebbles, sand, and rocky reef; no facilities.

PEBBLE BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, 1.6 mi. S. of Pescadero Road.* Cove beach is strewn with small rounded stones, mostly of chert, in a variety of colors. Picnic area near the parking

lot. Part of Bean Hollow State Beach; call: 650-726-8819.

- Look for honeycomb-like rock formations called tafoni
- Self-guided nature trail extends about a mile south to the main Bean Hollow State Beach entrance

BEAN HOLLOW STATE BEACH:
Along Hwy. One, .9 mi. S. of Pebble Beach. Picnic tables equipped with barbecue grills; easy access from the small parking area to sandy beaches. Call: 650-726-8819.

- Tidepools at the north end of the beach
- Surf fishing for rockfish

OVERLOOK: *10257 Cabrillo Hwy., Pescadero.* Short path leads from the frontage road west of Hwy. One to a scenic overlook. Look for the opening in the guardrail eight-tenths of a mile south of Bean Hollow State Beach, then turn north on narrow frontage road. Do not block driveway; respect adjacent private property.



Nature trail, Pebble Beach



Año Nuevo State Park



San Mateo County

Pigeon Point to Año Nuevo

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park	•	•	•					•			•	•	•	•		•	•		
Pigeon Point Lighthouse Hostel	•											•				•	•	•	
Whaler's Cove	•	•															•		
Pigeon Point Bluffs		•						•									•		
Wilbur's Watch Hiking Trail			•														•		
Gazos Creek Access	•	•						•					•	•		•	•		
Whitehouse Creek Beach Access	•	•	•														•		
Año Nuevo State Park	•	•	•					•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	

PIGEON POINT LIGHT STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK:

Pigeon Point Rd., W. of Hwy. One. The 115-foot-high structure is closed to the public, but the grounds are open for viewing; portions are wheelchair accessible. Call: 650-879-2120. North of the lighthouse, there is informal access from Pigeon Point Rd. to the shoreline.

- Docents operate a visitor center and lead half-hour-long history walks, Fri.–Mon., 10 AM–4 PM (rain cancels)

PIGEON POINT LIGHTHOUSE HOSTEL:

Pigeon Point Rd., W. of Hwy. One. Private and shared rooms in the restored lighthouse keeper's quarters. Kitchens, lounges, ocean-view hot tub, beach access, and free WiFi. Call: 650-879-0633.

WHALER'S COVE: *E. of the Pigeon Point Lighthouse.* A stairway leads down to the sandy beach.

PIGEON POINT BLUFFS:

Along Hwy. One, S. of Pigeon Point Road. San Mateo County park land, with dirt pullouts and superb coastal views.

WILBUR'S WATCH HIKING TRAIL:

Inland of Hwy. One, near the southern intersection of Pigeon Point Rd. and Hwy. One. A mile-long trail begins on Pigeon Point Rd. and leads uphill. Six-vehicle parking lot open daily, dawn–dusk. Call: 650-854-7696.

GAZOS CREEK ACCESS:

Hwy. One, N. of Gazos Creek Road. A wheelchair-accessible path



Pigeon Point Light Station State Historic Park

leads to the sandy beach.

- Surf fishing for rockfish and surfperch

WHITEHOUSE CREEK BEACH ACCESS:

Hwy. One, .1 mi. S. of Rossi Road. Dirt parking area near Whitehouse Creek marks a trail leading to a rocky cove beach, part of Año Nuevo State Park. Additional beach access paths include the Franklin Point Trail, located off Hwy. One one-half mile north of Whitehouse Creek, and the Cascade Creek Trail, starting one-half mile south of Whitehouse Creek. A blufftop trail follows the shoreline.

AÑO NUEVO STATE PARK:

Off Hwy. One, 27 mi. S. of Half Moon Bay. One of California's prime locations for viewing northern elephant seals up close; especially popular during the elephant seal breeding season from Dec. 15 to March 31, when docent-led tours provide the only access to the breeding area.

Reservations recommended, and separate fee applies; call: 1-800-444-4445 or see <http://anonuevo.reserveamerica.com>. The walks are three miles long and cover sloping terrain. During most of the remainder of the year, visitors may explore the trails without a docent, but a visitor permit must be obtained first from park staff. From Dec. 1 to 14 there is no public access to the elephant seal viewing area. No pets allowed, including in the parking lot. Visitor hours vary; for recorded park information, call: 650-879-0227.

- Año Nuevo Marine Education Center, in the historic Flora Dickerman Steele dairy barn, open daily, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM; gift shop generally open fewer hours

- Disabled-access tours via boardwalk available on weekends, January–March; call: 650-879-2033

Look for Wildlife



Northern elephant seals, nearshore

THE CALIFORNIA COAST offers prime opportunities for viewing wildlife. With a bit of advance planning, the expert and the weekend visitor have a good chance of spotting animals in the wild.

To have the best chance of sighting wildlife, go where the creatures are most likely to be found. Northern elephant seals, once nearly extirpated for their oil-rich blubber, now gather in large colonies at several locations in California. A major colony is at Año Nuevo State Park in San Mateo County. From mid-December through March, docent-led tours provide the only access to the elephant seals' breeding areas. At other times, lesser numbers of seals are present at Año Nuevo. Near Point Piedras Blancas, a viewpoint is located almost on the shoulder of Hwy. One, and docents are present during much of the year to answer questions. View safely from a distance; it is dangerous, as well as unlawful, to approach or harass the animals.

California sea lions can be heard barking from Seal Rocks off San Francisco's Cliff House and from many offshore rocks in central California and farther south. Sea lions haul out on the docks at Pier 39 in San Francisco, at the base of the Santa Cruz

Municipal Wharf, and on Monterey's Coast Guard Breakwater. Harbor seals lounge on the sand at Children's Pool Beach in La Jolla.

Roosevelt elk can often be seen browsing in meadows at Humboldt County's Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, including near Elk Prairie Campground and Gold Bluffs Beach. Stay on designated trails and do not approach the animals, which can be dangerous. Tule elk are perhaps easier to spot on the open rolling hills of Tomales Point in the Point Reyes National Seashore.

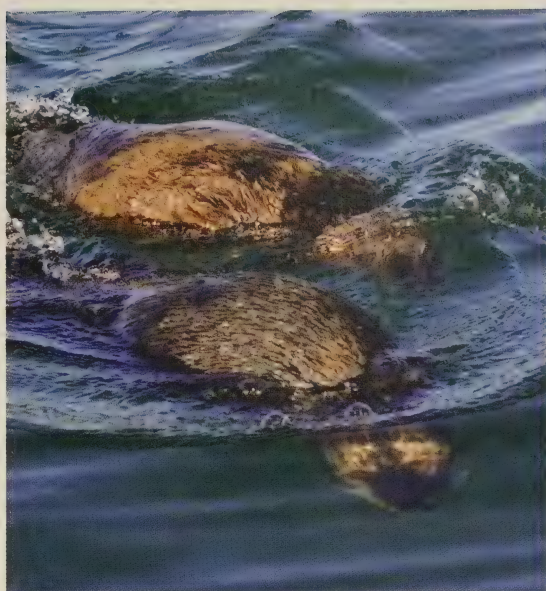
Monarch butterflies gather every winter in coastal groves of eucalyptus or other trees. Notable viewing places include Natural Bridges State Beach, Pacific Grove, and Pismo State Beach. Although the numbers of annually returning butterflies have declined since the 1990s, some years still produce vibrant displays of the orange insects clinging to the trees. Other butterfly species can be seen at the Environmental Nature Center in Newport Beach, where a butterfly house exhibits many of the state's native species during the summer months.

Many coastal birds are migratory species whose presence at certain times of the year

can be anticipated. Whimbrels, dowitchers, and curlews are most abundant on California's tidal flats and sandy and rocky shores during winter months. Long or distinctively curved bills make some species relatively easy to identify, even for beginners. During the winter months, sandpipers can be seen feeding in flocks on most any sandy beach from Del Norte to San Diego. Also during winter, large numbers of waterfowl—ducks, geese, and swans—frequent tidal estuaries, marshes, and bays. The ordinarily elusive (and very rare) light-footed clapper rail can sometimes be spotted quite easily when an extraordinarily high tide encourages the birds to wander out of the marsh at **Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve**; check a tide table in advance for what are often the year's highest tides, occurring during the morning hours in December, January, or February. For help in spotting and identifying birds, visit Monterey County's **Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve**, where the visitor center has binoculars and bird books available for loan.

Whale-watching is possible from promontories such as **Point Reyes** and **Point Dume**. Gray whales (mainly November through May) and humpback whales (summer and fall) can sometimes be seen from shore.

Ocean-going excursions bring you closer to the object of your search. Ask in advance if a naturalist will be along to help you spot whales, dolphins, porpoises, or orcas. Expeditions from San Francisco to the **Farallon Islands** offer a look at one of the West Coast's great refuges for marine mammals and seabirds, but trips can be subject to strong winds and heavy seas. Trips in **Monterey Bay** are often shorter in length and also gentler, yet still offer outstanding wildlife sightings. Farther south, trips departing **Avalon** on Santa Catalina Island



Sea otters, Monterey Bay

offer a wide range of wildlife sightings, as do ocean excursions departing **Marina del Rey**, **Long Beach's Rainbow Harbor** area, **Dana Point** in Orange County, and the waterfront near **San Diego's Broadway Pier**.

Marine mammal care centers are good places for close-up views of animals, if present for rehabilitation. These facilities are also the place to call if you spot a marine mammal that appears sick or a pup that seems to be alone. Care centers with public viewing opportunities include **Crescent City's North Coast Marine Mammal Center**, the **Marine Mammal Center** in the **Marin Headlands**, and the **Pacific Marine Mammal Center** in **Laguna Beach**. The **Aquarium of the Pacific** in **Long Beach** exhibits sea lions and harbor seals, and **SeaWorld San Diego** has numerous marine animals on display, including also dolphins and orcas.

If you are still not sure where to look, take advantage of someone else's planning. Wildlife festivals are held in many coastal communities. The **Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival** takes place in and around **Arcata** every April. The **Monterey Bay Birding Festival**, based in **Watsonville** in southern Santa Cruz County, takes advantage of the wildlife riches in and around **Monterey Bay**. This event is held annually in the fall. The **Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival** takes place in **Morro Bay** every January. Many wildlife festivals include a wide range of activities beyond wildlife viewing, including kayaking, vineyard tours, and viewing art exhibitions.



Northern fulmar, Monterey Bay





New Brighton State Beach

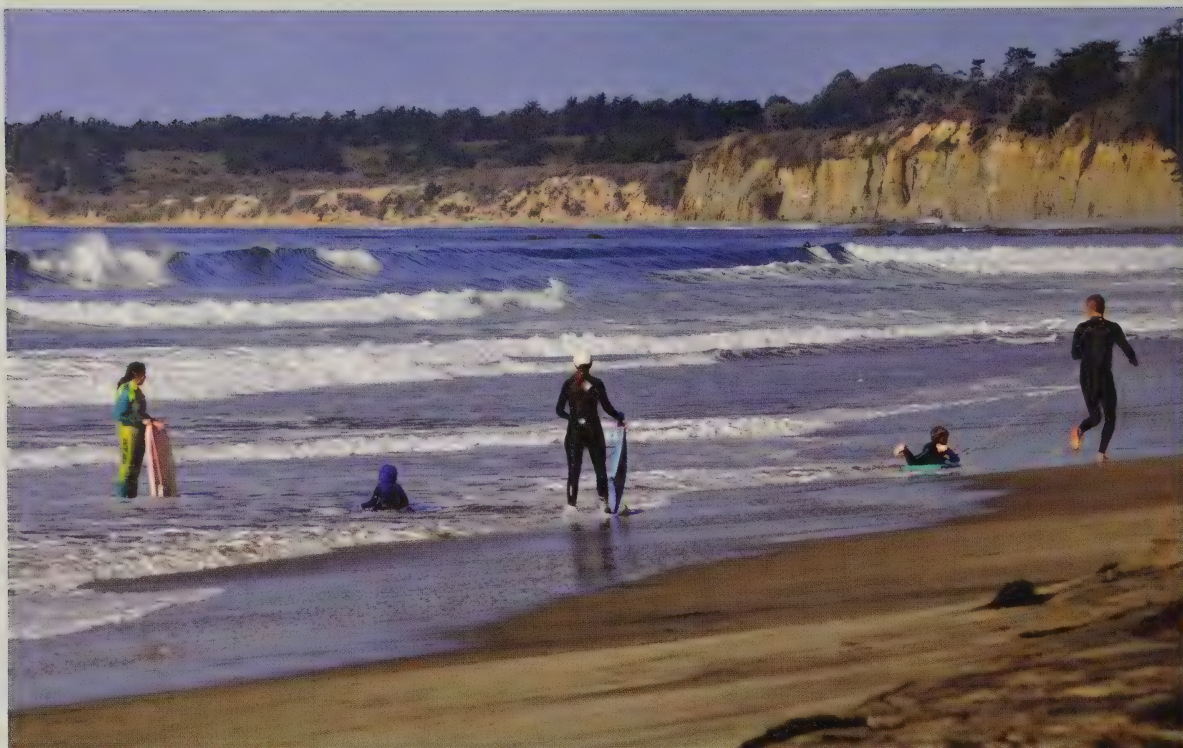
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ is the county's largest urban area, but its walkable streets and 19th-century buildings are a picture of small-town America. Close to downtown are Main Beach, Cowell Beach, and Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf, along with the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, the city's seaside amusement park.

The coastline northwest of Santa Cruz holds a succession of lovely beaches, many of them out of sight of travelers on Hwy. One. A short walk rewards the visitor, who will find sandy coves backed by sandstone cliffs draped with wildflowers. The Monterey Bay shoreline east of Santa Cruz includes New Brighton State Beach, Seacliff State Beach, and Sunset State Beach, which provide easy access to a long sweep of sandy beach. The Pajaro Valley, around Watsonville at the southeastern end of the county, is noted for crops of lettuce, strawberries, artichokes, and cut flowers.

Stroll or ride by the sea

Start at Waddell Creek Beach on the county's northern coast to follow the 30-mile-long Skyline-to-the-Sea Trail through Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Also along the county's north coast, the Ohlone Bluff Trail stretches along the ocean bluff from Four Mile Beach to the main part of Wilder Ranch State Park. The trail, which is part of the California Coastal Trail, is bordered on one side by agricultural fields where Brussels sprouts are raised and on the other by a series of spectacular cove beaches. Within the city of Santa Cruz, a three-mile-long pedestrian and bicycle path follows West Cliff Drive, with views of Monterey Bay. Near the city's central area, bicycle paths follow both banks of the San Lorenzo River, and a walking path rings Santa Cruz Harbor. On the east side of Santa Cruz, the Pleasure Point Parkway for bicyclists and



Waddell Creek Beach

pedestrians runs along the bluff, with stairs leading to Monterey Bay beaches below. The village of Capitola is entirely walkable; a short trail runs along the east side of Soquel Creek, and Capitola City Beach and Capitola Fishing Wharf are great for strolling. Along the shore of Monterey Bay, a paved multi-use path runs through Seacliff State Beach.

Enjoy recreation on the water

The northwest coast of Santa Cruz County is often breezy. Wind-powered recreation is popular at Scott Creek Beach and Davenport Landing Beach, where kitesurfers, windsurfers, and kite-fliers take advantage of northwest prevailing winds, especially from spring through fall. Those interested in learning kitesurfing, including techniques for wave-riding, freestyle maneuvers, and keeping safe, can receive instruction from local vendors; see www.santacruzkitesurfing.com. Stand-up paddleboarding is also popular in the sheltered waters of Santa Cruz Harbor and near the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf. Caution Stand Up Paddling offers lessons and equipment, as well as kite-surfing equipment; see: www.cautionsup.com. Santa Cruz is one of several California communities claiming the title of "Surf City." Surfers gather at the break known as Steamer Lane off Lighthouse Field State

Beach, as well as offshore along the Pleasure Point Parkway and Capitola City Beach.

Ride the rails

Railway attractions have a long history at Santa Cruz. The town was among California's earliest tourist attractions, featuring swimming facilities and entertainment on the beach at the mouth of the San Lorenzo River as early as 1868. The first small railway ride at Santa Cruz that was designed purely for amusement was built in 1884 and reached the dizzying height of 24 feet above the ground. It was followed in 1908 by a new, 1,050-foot-long "scenic railway" that was said to be the longest in the United States. The Giant Dipper wooden roller coaster, built in 1924 and one of the key attractions at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, still produces shrieks of pleasure from riders.

From the Boardwalk area, visitors can head inland via a historic railroad route along the San Lorenzo River to the mountain town of Felton, passing through Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. The Santa Cruz Big Trees and Pacific Railway offers daily departures. Riders can make the three-hour trip starting at either Felton or the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. The narrow-gauge Redwood Forest Steam Train also departs Felton for a different route through redwood

forest to Bear Mountain, a one-and-a-quarter-hour roundtrip. The line was used by early trains that hauled redwood logs out of the mountains. Steam engines built in the 1890s are used on most trips, making them among America's oldest steam-powered equipment still providing regularly scheduled passenger service. The Redwood Forest Steam Trains have daily departures during most of the year, while the Santa Cruz Beach Train runs daily during the summer and on weekends during spring and fall. For information, see: www.roaringcamp.com.

Learn about the marine environment

The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center near the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf contains exhibits about the resources found just offshore, including a look at video footage created deep in the Monterey Bay Submarine Canyon. Whale-watching excursions on Monterey Bay are available from Santa Cruz Harbor; visit 500 7th Ave., Santa Cruz, or see: www.stagnaros.com. At the Seymour Marine Discovery Center there are aquarium displays, touch tanks, interactive exhibits, a huge blue whale skeleton, and public trails leading through restored coastal prairie habitat. The Rancho del Oso Nature Center at Big Basin Redwoods State Park has historical and natural history exhibits, as do visitor centers at Wilder Ranch State Park, New Brighton State Beach, and Seacliff State

Beach. The permanent collections of the Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History highlight Native American culture and the natural and cultural history of the Santa Cruz area.

Other attractions

The downtown Santa Cruz Farmers Market takes place at Cedar and Lincoln streets every Wednesday afternoon, year round. Roadside farm stands along Hwy. One near Davenport Beach and in the Watsonville area are open seasonally. Near Davenport Landing, the American Abalone farm raises red abalone in tanks for sale. The farm is open to the public on Saturdays, from 10 AM to 2 PM, at 245 Davenport Landing Road.

The annual Wharf-to-Wharf foot race along a six-mile course from the Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf to the Capitola Fishing Wharf has taken place for more than 40 years. The event, which draws elite athletes as well as weekend runners, occurs on the fourth Sunday in July; for information, see: www.wharftowharf.com. The Capitola Begonia Festival, in its seventh decade, occurs on Labor Day weekend and includes a sand sculpture contest, fishing derby, and the traditional parade of begonia-decorated boats on Soquel Creek; for information, see: www.begoniafestival.com. Visitor information is available from the Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce (831-457-3713) and the Capitola-Soquel Chamber of Commerce (831-475-6522).



Organic produce, Swanton Berry Farm



Scott Creek Beach



Santa Cruz County

Northern Santa Cruz County

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Big Basin Redwoods State Park	•	•	•		•			•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•	
Waddell Creek Beach	•	•						•	•			•				•	•		
Rancho del Oso Nature Center								•			•	•	•			•	•		
Greyhound Rock Access	•	•	•					•	•	•			•			•	•		
Scott Creek Beach	•	•						•				•					•		
Davenport Landing Beach	•	•							•	•			•			•	•		
Davenport Beach	•	•	•					•									•		
Sharktooth Beach	•	•	•					•									•	•	
Bonny Doon Beach	•		•														•		
Yellow Bank Beach	•	•	•														•		
Laguna Creek Beach	•	•	•														•		

BIG BASIN REDWOODS STATE PARK: *Main entrance on Hwy. 9, 14 mi. N.W. of Santa Cruz. Over 18,000 acres of old-growth redwoods. Park headquarters and Nature Lodge Museum are on Big Basin Way, nine miles west of Boulder Creek. Call: 831-338-8860.*

- Hiking and horseback riding on 80 miles of trails
- Camping at walk-in tent cabins, backpacker trail camps, and equestrian campsites

WADDELL CREEK BEACH: *Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of San Mateo County line. Broad, often-breezy sandy beach. Packed-earth parking.*

- Kitesurfing, windsurfing, and kite-flying

RANCHO DEL OSO NATURE CENTER: *3600 Hwy. One, .25 mi. from Hwy. One, Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Turn inland from Hwy. One south of Waddell Creek. Historical and natural history exhibits; open weekends, noon–4 p.m. Call: 831-427-2288.*

GREYHOUND ROCK ACCESS: *Hwy. One, 1.2 mi. S. of Waddell Creek. Steep paved path to a cove beach dotted with sea rocks, including the large rock that provides the site's name. Blufftop picnic tables and disabled-accessible viewing platform. Call: 831-454-7901.*

- Surf fishing

SCOTT CREEK BEACH: *Hwy. One, 2.9 mi. N. of Davenport. Roadside parking on the Hwy. One shoulder; use caution crossing the highway. Wheelchair-accessible viewing platform and bicycle rack are available. Call: 831-454-7901.*

DAVENPORT LANDING BEACH: *Davenport Landing Rd. off Hwy. One, 1.4 mi. N. of Davenport. Davenport Landing Rd. forms a loop west of Hwy. One; enter only via the southern end. A short, level path leads to a sandy beach. Shoulder parking.*

- Popular kitesurfing spot

DAVENPORT BEACH: *Off Hwy. One opposite Ocean St., Davenport. Dirt parking lot and an informal beach trail. Another beach path starts opposite Davenport Ave. among dense vegetation.*

SHARKTOOTH BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Davenport. A 200-yard-long trail leads from the dirt shoulder of the highway to the bluff edge. A rough trail leads down to a pocket beach bordered by rocks.*

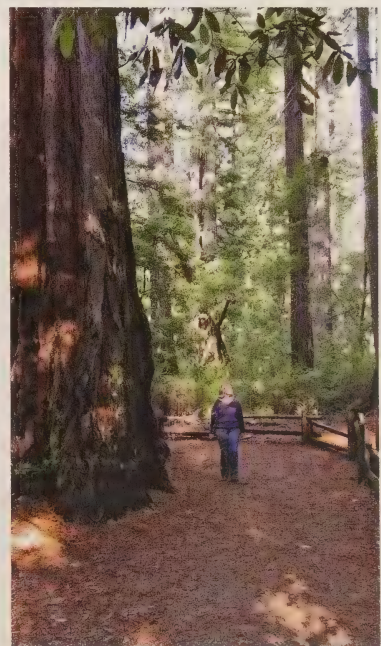
- Look for ocean-carved caves and rock tunnels

BONNY DOON BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One at Bonny Doon Road. Look for paved, marked parking spaces along the south-bound shoulder of Hwy. One. An informal trail at the north*

end of the parking area leads 200 yards to a broad sandy beach. Call: 831-454-7901.

YELLOW BANK BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 1 mi. S. of Bonny Doon Road. Spectacular ochre-colored cliffs rise from the sandy beach. Park along a dirt front-age road seaward of Hwy. One.*

LAGUNA CREEK BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 2.2 mi. S. of Bonny Doon Road. Sloping dirt path provides easy access to a sandy beach. Small parking area on the inland side of Hwy. One; use caution in crossing.*



Big Basin Redwoods State Park



Wilder Ranch State Park



Santa Cruz County

Wilder Ranch to Natural Bridges

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Four Mile Beach	•	•													•	•			
Three Mile Beach	•	•	•														•		
Wilder Ranch State Park	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Seymour Marine Discovery Center		•	•					•			•	•	•			•	•	•	
De Anza Mobile Home Park Access	•	•	•																
Natural Bridges State Beach	•	•	•					•			•		•			•	•	•	

FOUR MILE BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, 2.1 mi. W. of Wilder Ranch State Park entrance.* Dirt parking seaward of Hwy. One; a chemical toilet is along the beach access path. Part of Wilder Ranch State Park. Call: 831-423-9703.

- Ohlone Bluff Trail leads east to the main part of Wilder Ranch State Park

THREE MILE BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, 1.4 mi. W. of Wilder Ranch State Park entrance.* A pull-out seaward of Hwy. One accommodates only a few vehicles. Trail leads one-third-mile to the bluff edge; steep trail down to sandy beach. Farmland is adjacent; do not trespass. Call: 831-423-9703.

- Follow the railroad tracks south, skirting the wetland, then along the bluff edge to the Ohlone Blufftop Trail

WILDER RANCH STATE PARK: *Hwy. One, 2 mi. W. of Santa Cruz.* Large park with varied attractions. Visitor center has historical exhibits and a gift shop. The Old Landing Cove Trail leads through a meadow to the coast, with access to Fern Grotto Beach and sheltered Sand Plant Beach. Private farmland is adjacent; park visitors must return to the starting point via the same route. Alternatively, intrepid hikers or bicyclists may continue west along the Ohlone Bluff Trail as far as Four Mile Beach.

Most of the state park lies inland of Hwy. One; trail network continues some seven miles inland. An equestrian staging area with six first-come, first-served equestrian campsites is near Dimeo

Ln. off Hwy. One; for access, call: 831-423-9703. Equestrians welcome on all park trails inland of Hwy. One; bicyclists may use 35 miles of multi-use trails throughout the park. Park open daily, 8 AM–5 PM. Call: 831-423-9703.

- Historic houses within the state park include a Gothic-style farmhouse built in the 1850s and a Victorian house from 1897
- Self-guided walking tour

SEYMOUR MARINE DISCOVERY CENTER: *Delaware Ave. and Shaffer Rd., Santa Cruz.* Aquarium displays, touch tanks, and bookstore; open Tues.–Sat., 10 AM–5 PM, and Sun., noon–5 PM. For holiday schedule and tour information, call: 831-459-3800.

- Self-guided public trails through restored coastal prairie
- Docent-led tours are offered to Younger Lagoon; reservations required

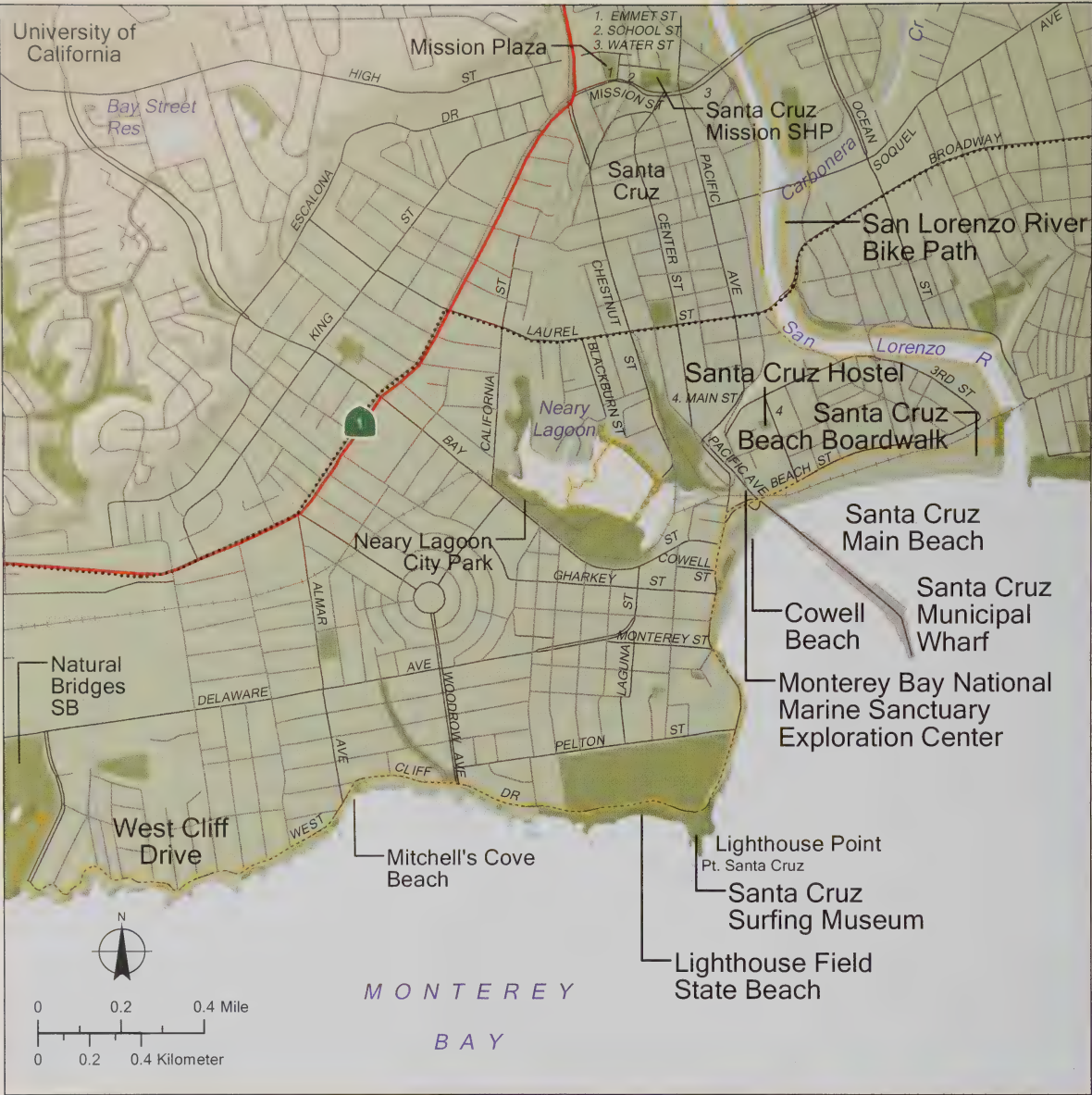
DE ANZA MOBILE HOME PARK ACCESS: *2395 Delaware Ave., Santa Cruz.* Pedestrian beach access through the mobile home community.

NATURAL BRIDGES STATE BEACH: *2531 W. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz.* Vehicle entrance (fee applies) is at the end of W. Cliff Dr.; no-fee short-term parking is adjacent. To borrow a beach wheelchair, call: 831-423-4609. Visitor center is open daily, 10 AM–4 PM, during butterfly season, and fewer days the rest of the year. Only one natural bridge remains; others visible in historic photos have collapsed.

- Migrating monarch butterflies congregate in eucalyptus trees, Oct.–Feb.; wheelchair-accessible walkway



Blue whale skeleton, Seymour Marine Discovery Center



West Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz



Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz Central

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
West Cliff Drive		•	•	•					•	•			•	•					
Lighthouse Field State Beach		•	•	•					•	•			•	•			•	•	
Santa Cruz Surfing Museum											•		•	•				•	•
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary									•		•		•	•			•	•	
Cowell Beach	•				•								•	•			•	•	
Santa Cruz Municipal Wharf							•	•	•				•	•				•	
Santa Cruz Main Beach	•												•	•			•	•	
Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk										•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Santa Cruz Hostel												•					•	•	•
San Lorenzo River Bike Path			•	•						•									

WEST CLIFF DRIVE: *From Natural Bridges State Beach to Cowell Beach, Santa Cruz.* Bicycle-pedestrian path along the shoreline; parking bays at intervals. Stairs to Mitchell's Cove are at Sunset Ave.; dogs allowed off-leash, dawn–10 AM and 4 PM–sunset.

LIGHTHOUSE FIELD STATE BEACH: *Along W. Cliff Dr. at Point Santa Cruz.* Site overlooks the renowned surfing spot Steamer Lane. Parking, trails, picnic tables, free parking bays. Call: 831-429-2850.

SANTA CRUZ SURFING MUSEUM: *Mark Abbott Memorial Lighthouse, Lighthouse Point, Santa Cruz.* Historic surfboards and surfing photos are on display; a plaque documents the introduction of surfing to Santa Cruz in 1885 by three young Hawaiian princes. Gift shop. Open Thurs.–Mon., noon–4 PM.

MONTEREY BAY NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY EXPLORATION CENTER: *35 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz.* Interactive exhibits and film screenings. Open Wed.–Sun., 10 AM–5 PM. Call: 831-421-9993.

- View video footage created deep in Monterey Submarine Canyon

COWELL BEACH: *Between W. Cliff Dr. and the Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz.* Wide sandy beach; small parking lot is at the foot

of the wharf and metered street parking is nearby. Lifeguard towers are staffed daily during the summer and spring break and also on spring and fall weekends. For beach wheelchair information, call: 831-420-6015, extension 3. For recorded information on beach water quality, call: 831-454-3188.

SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL WHARF: *End of Washington Ave. at Beach St., Santa Cruz.* Restaurants and shops, boat rentals and fishing equipment. The wharf accommodates pedestrians and cars; fee applies for vehicle entrance.

- Anglers catch flounder, bonita, blue shark, lingcod, halibut, and crab
- Sea lions haul out on the timbers below the wharf
- Open anchorage area for visiting boats

SANTA CRUZ MAIN BEACH: *E. of Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz.* For beach wheelchair information, call: 831-420-6015 extension 3. Volleyball standards and nets are provided during the summer months, and ramps for wheelchair access are set up on the sand.

SANTA CRUZ BEACH BOARDWALK: *400 Beach St. E. of Municipal Wharf, Santa Cruz.* The Giant Dipper wooden roller coaster was built in 1924. The classic carousel features

animals carved in 1911 by famed designer Charles Looft. Open daily, Memorial Day–Labor Day, and also on most weekends and holidays during spring and fall; some attractions open year round. Call: 831-423-5590.

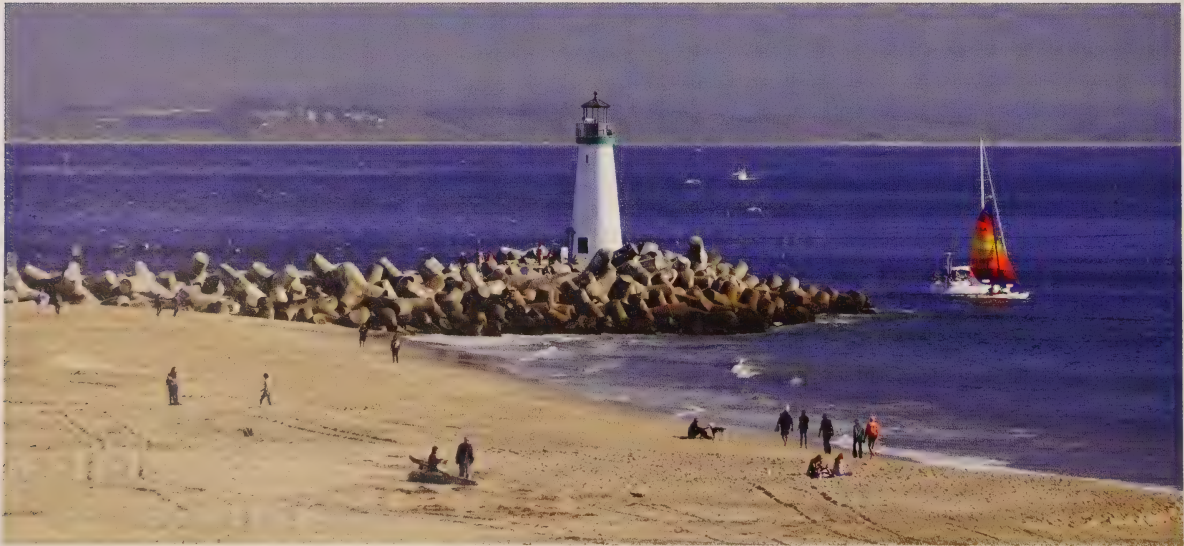
- Free admission and free summer entertainment; fee for rides

SANTA CRUZ HOSTEL: *321 Main St., Santa Cruz.* Guest rooms in quaint, nicely remodeled buildings, known as the Carmelita Cottages; shared kitchen. Call: 831-423-8304.

SAN LORENZO RIVER BIKE PATH: *Along San Lorenzo River, Santa Cruz.* Bike path runs along both sides of the San Lorenzo River levee near the river mouth.



Surfing, Steamer Lane



Walton Lighthouse, Seabright Beach

Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz Harbor

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
San Lorenzo Point																		
Seabright Beach	•				•				•		•					•	•	
Santa Cruz Museum of Natural History							•			•						•	•	•
Walton Lighthouse					•		•	•			•	•						
Mariner Park/West Harbor		•	•			•				•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Frederick Street Park		•							•	•		•	•			•	•	
Santa Cruz Harbor North		•	•	•		•		•								•	•	•
Santa Cruz Harbor South		•	•			•		•			•	•				•	•	•
Harbor Beach	•								•		•	•				•	•	•

SAN LORENZO POINT:
Foot of E. Cliff Dr. off Murray St., Santa Cruz. The promontory itself is not accessible, but there is a picnic area adjacent. Parking on E. Cliff Dr. off Murray Street.

SEABRIGHT BEACH: *E. Cliff Dr., San Lorenzo Point to Seabright Ave., Santa Cruz.* Wide sandy beach. Limited street parking; passenger drop-off zone is at the foot of Mott Avenue. Part of Twin Lakes State Beach. To borrow a beach wheelchair, call: 831-427-4868.

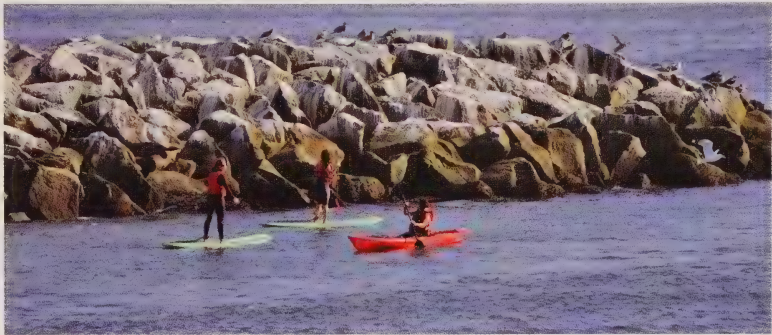
SANTA CRUZ MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: *1305 E. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz.* Collections focus on biology, Native American culture, and local history. Open 10 AM–5 PM, Memorial Day–Labor Day, Wed.–Sun., and during the remainder of the year, Tues.–Sat. Free admission for visitors under 18. Call: 831-420-6115.

WALTON LIGHTHOUSE:
West Jetty, Santa Cruz Harbor. Wheelchair-accessible path leads to fishing spot.

MARINER PARK / WEST HARBOR: *Mariner Park Way off Atlantic Ave., Santa Cruz.* Lawns and benches; a paved pedestrian and bicycle path rings the harbor. Metered parking.

- Launching of hand-carried craft near the Murray St. bridge

FREDERICK STREET PARK:
Frederick St., access off Soquel Ave., Santa Cruz. Lawns and



Santa Cruz Harbor

picnic areas. Street parking. Stairs lead to North Harbor.

- Volleyball nets

SANTA CRUZ HARBOR NORTH: *Brommer St. off 7th Ave., Santa Cruz.* Berths for 600 vessels and dry storage for several hundred more. Picnic tables, metered public parking, and fish-cleaning tables. Twelve self-contained RV camping spots are available; for reservations, call: 831-475-3279. Stair to harbor at Mello Lane.

SANTA CRUZ HARBOR SOUTH: *Off Eaton St., Santa Cruz.* Shops, restaurants, and marine services along with 400 boat berths and a four-lane concrete public boat launch (open 24 hours; launch fee applies). Also available is a half-ton boat hoist and a 60-ton travel lift at the boat yard, open 8 AM–5 PM. Fuel dock is operated by the Santa Cruz Port District. Transient vessels report to the harbor office for first-come, first-served berth assignments. For general harbor

information, call: 831-475-6161. Metered public parking off Eaton St.; meters operate daily, 8 AM–10 PM. On peak days, parking spaces fill up quickly. Additional parking is available at North Harbor on Brommer St.; weekend shuttle van service to the South Harbor. Water taxi links the North and South Harbors on weekends and holidays, Memorial Day–Labor Day, 10 AM–6 PM, and on certain Thursday evenings during beach barbecue events.

- Fresh fish available off the boats
- The Joseph G. Townsend Maritime Plaza indicates the distance to maritime destinations around the world
- Kayak Connection offers sunrise, sunset, and full-moon kayak tours; call: 831-479-1121

HARBOR BEACH: *East of harbor jetty to 5th Ave. at E. Cliff Dr., Santa Cruz.* For beach wheelchair, call: 831-475-6161.

- Volleyball nets



Brown pelicans, Moran Lake Beach

Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz East

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Twin Lakes State Beach-East	•					•		•		•							•	•	
Sunny Cove	•								•										
Corcoran Lagoon Beach	•		•						•										
Moran Lake Beach and Park	•		•						•			•	•				•	•	
Rockview Drive Overlook		•																•	
Pleasure Point Parkway	•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•		•	•				•	•	
Pleasure Point Overlook	•	•	•	•		•						•	•				•	•	
Opal Cliffs Recreation District	•																	•	•

TWIN LAKES STATE BEACH-EAST: *From 5th to 14th avenues, Live Oak.* Twin Lakes State Beach includes the shoreline along E. Cliff Drive. Shoulder parking is along E. Cliff Dr. with easy access to the sand opposite 9th Avenue. Restrooms and a beach shower are near 7th Avenue. Additional beach access is at the ends of 12th, 13th, and 14th avenues. The Live Oak neighborhood has limited on-street public parking; for information on parking restrictions and seasonal parking passes, call: 831-454-2990.

- No access to Schwan Lake, a waterfowl refuge, but there are nice views from 9th Ave. near E. Cliff Drive
- SUNNY COVE:** *Foot of Johans Beach Dr., Live Oak.* Pocket beach with access from Johans Beach Dr., Geoffroy Dr., and Sunny Cove Drive. Parking is very limited in the area.

CORCORAN LAGOON BEACH: *Between 20th and 23rd avenues, Live Oak.* Beach access from E. Cliff Dr. near the lagoon and at the ends of 20th and 26th avenues. Call: 831-454-7901.

- Francis L. Markey Public Nature Trail starts at Coastview Dr. near E. Cliff Dr. and extends a couple of hundred yards along Corcoran Lagoon

MORAN LAKE BEACH AND PARK: *23000 block of E. Cliff Dr., Live Oak.* Parking is inland of E. Cliff Dr. next to the lake. There is a wheelchair ramp from E. Cliff Dr. to the beach.

- Half-mile-long nature trail runs along the west side of Moran Lake

ROCKVIEW DRIVE OVERLOOK: *Foot of Rockview Dr., Pleasure Point.* A picnic table and a short blufftop walkway leading to the west; on-street parking. Stairs just east of 18 Rockview Dr. and just east of 2970 Pleasure Point Dr. provide access to seasonal sandy beaches and surf spots.

PLEASURE POINT PARKWAY: *E. Cliff Dr., from 32nd to 41st avenues, Pleasure Point.* Pedestrian and bicycle path is on the bluff. Sandy beaches at the base of the bluff are generally narrow and dependent on tidal conditions. Benches and shade trees are at Pleasure Point Park at E. Cliff Dr. and 32nd Ave.; restrooms at

33rd and 41st avenues. Beach stairs are at the foot of 33rd, 36th, 38th, and 41st avenues.

- Bodyboarding
 - Surf fishing
- PLEASURE POINT OVERLOOK:** *E. Cliff Dr. at 41st Ave., Pleasure Point.* Stairway to the beach just west of 41st Ave.; off-street parking is inland of E. Cliff Drive.
- Nearby surf spot is known as the "Hook"

OPAL CLIFFS RECREATION DISTRICT: *4500 block of Opal Cliffs Dr., Pleasure Point.* Staircase leads to a narrow sandy beach, popular with surfers. Keys to the locked gate are sold each year at the Freeline Surf Shop at 821 41st Ave.; call: 831-476-2950.



Birds feeding on school of anchovies, off Pleasure Point



Capitola Fishing Wharf



Santa Cruz County

Capitola to New Brighton State Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Cliff Drive			•	•												•		
Hooper Beach	•					•										•		
Capitola Fishing Wharf						•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Soquel Creek			•				•					•						
Capitola City Beach	•				•		•				•	•	•	•	•	•		
Overlook			•															
New Brighton State Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•

CLIFF DRIVE: *Along the bluff, W. of Capitola.* A bluff-edge sidewalk with adjacent metered parking runs along Cliff Drive. Just west of the first building on the bay side, a stairway winds down the steep bluff to Hooper Beach.

HOOPER BEACH: *W. of Capitola Fishing Wharf, Capitola.* Hooper Beach is the section of sandy beach upcoast of Capitola Wharf. There is limited small boat storage on the beach. Sand ramp is at the base of the wharf.

CAPITOLA FISHING WHARF: *Foot of Wharf Rd., Capitola.* Public wharf open 5 AM–midnight. Very limited parking at the foot of the wharf. Daily fishing licenses are available at the bait and tackle shop; call: 831-462-2208.

- Pier fishing for flounder, sole, sanddabs, and halibut
- Boat and kayak rentals and fishing equipment sales and rentals

SOQUEL CREEK: *E. of Wharf Rd., Capitola.* A trail runs a couple of hundred yards along the east side of Soquel Creek, upstream from Stockton Avenue. Soquel Creek is a perennial stream that supports a population of steelhead.

CAPITOLA CITY BEACH: *S. of Esplanade and Monterey Ave., Capitola.* Lifeguard towers on the sand are staffed daily from late May–September and on weekends into October. The adjacent Capitola Village Esplanade is lined with restaurants, shops, and beach



Capitola City Beach

equipment rentals. Metered parking nearby; free shuttle operates on summer weekends and holidays from parking area at the intersection of Monterey and Park avenues. For recorded information on beach water quality at Capitola and other Santa Cruz County beaches, call: 831-454-3188. For a beach wheelchair, call: 831-462-3125.

- Popular swimming beach
- Volleyball standards and nets are on the sand
- Surfers gather off the jetty

OVERLOOK: *Along Grand Ave., Capitola.* A blufftop path leads about four blocks along the top of Depot Hill. Climb the stairway from El Camino Medio St. to Cliff Ave., then follow the bluff edge as far as Hollister Avenue.

- Fine views of Monterey Bay and surfing activity

NEW BRIGHTON STATE BEACH: *1500 Park Ave., Capitola.* New Brighton State Beach includes both sandy shore and upland areas. There is day-use parking near the beach. A beach wheelchair is available; for information, call: 831-685-6500. Beach fires are allowed only in provided fire rings and must be attended at all times.

On the forested bluff above is a visitor center and 111-site campground with hike and bike camping area. There is an RV dump station. Some campsites are wheelchair accessible. Camp host on site. Dogs are allowed in picnic and campground areas; dogs must be on a six-foot leash and cannot be left unattended.

- Broad sandy beach extends south for miles to Seacliff State Beach and beyond



Seaside Beach



Santa Cruz County

Aptos and Rio del Mar

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Seacliff State Beach	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	
Seacliff Pier								•	•		•	•	•				•		
Rio del Mar Beach	•	•	•		•				•			•	•			•	•	•	
Hidden Beach County Park	•									•	•		•				•	•	
Stairway to Beach	•																•		
Seascape Beach	•	•								•							•		
Seascape County Park		•								•	•		•	•			•	•	

SEACLIFF STATE BEACH: *Foot of State Park Dr., Aptos.* There is ample parking at beach level and on the bluff. Near Seacliff Pier are picnic areas, the Beach Shack café, and a visitor center (open Tues.–Sun., 10 AM–4 PM). For recorded information on beach water quality, call: 831-454-3188. A beach wheelchair can be reserved; call: 831-685-6500.

Campsites available only for self-contained RVs and trailers. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275; overflow spaces also available. Some sites have hookups. Leashed dogs allowed in picnic and campground areas.

- Two miles of broad sandy beach for varied activities
- Paved California Coastal Trail runs along the shore

SEACLIFF PIER: *Foot of State Park Dr., Aptos.* Wooden pier, 500 feet long. A California fishing license is not required to fish from the pier, although catch limits apply. At the end of the pier is the old concrete ship *Palo Alto*, which sits grounded in the intertidal zone and is closed to visitors.

- Fish for perch, flounder, sole, and halibut

RIO DEL MAR BEACH: *End of Rio del Mar Blvd., Rio del Mar.* The southern end of Seacliff State Beach, linked to the rest of the park by a paved pedestrian/bicycle path. No-fee parking in a small lot at the end of Rio del Mar Blvd., which also serves nearby businesses. Additional parking (fee applies) is three-quarters of a mile south.

HIDDEN BEACH COUNTY PARK: *End of Cliff Dr. and Hidden Beach Way, Rio del Mar.* The park is indeed somewhat hard to find. Very limited parking at the end of Cliff Dr., off Rio del Mar Boulevard. Or walk in from Sumner Ave. east of Dry Creek Rd., crossing under the railroad trestle. Another pathway to this beach is accessed from Hidden Beach Way, just past Cliff Drive. Maintained by Santa Cruz County; call: 831-454-7901.

- Children's play area is located in a landscaped park adjacent to the beach

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *Via Palo Alto, off Clubhouse Dr., Rio del Mar.* A long stairway leads to the sandy beach. On-street parking.

SEASCAPE BEACH: *Sumner Ave. and Seascape Resort, Seascape.* Two accessways lead through the Seascape Resort: a dirt path at the north end and a paved path in the middle of the resort. There are designated public parking spaces for beachgoers within the Seascape Resort lot. A separate dirt path outside the resort property starts on Sumner Ave. opposite Dolphin Dr. and crosses under the old railroad trestle to the beach.

SEASCAPE COUNTY PARK: *Sumner Ave. and Seascape Blvd., Seascape.* Blufftop park. To get to the beach, walk north along the blufftop path past the Seascape Resort to paved beach access path.

- Popular dog-walking area



Seacliff State Beach



Manresa State Beach



Santa Cruz County

Santa Cruz County South

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Manresa State Beach	•	•	•						•	•			•	•		•	•	•	
Manresa State Beach-Uplands	•				•								•	•		•	•	•	
Santa Cruz / Monterey Bay KOA			•	•						•	•		•			•	•	•	
Sunset State Beach	•	•		•	•				•				•			•	•	•	
Palm Beach	•								•				•			•	•	•	

MANRESA STATE BEACH: *San Andreas Rd. at Union Pacific track, La Selva Beach.* The main day-use entrance is off San Andreas Rd. near the community of La Selva Beach. Large parking area and picnic tables are on the bluff. A stairway and wheel-chair-accessible paved ramp lead down to the beach. Dogs on leash allowed on the beach upcoast of the Manresa State Beach-Uplands campground. For park information, call: 831-761-1795. Additional informal access to Manresa State Beach is off Oceanview Dr., which intersects San Andreas Rd. one-quarter-mile south of the main day-use entrance; road-side parking.

- Broad, spacious sandy beach
- Shore fishing

MANRESA STATE BEACH- UPLANDS: *Manresa Uplands Rd. off San Andreas Rd., La Selva Beach.* Both day use and camping available. Turn off San Andreas Rd. on Sand Dollar Dr., then left on Manresa Uplands Rd. to the entrance kiosk. Picnic tables are near the parking area; a long stair-way leads to the sandy beach. Tent camping only; sites with picnic tables and firepits are scattered in a blufftop meadow. Campers may unload their gear at their sites, then must park in a central lot. A campground host is stationed at the parking area.

SANTA CRUZ/MONTEREY BAY KOA: *1186 San Andreas Rd., La Selva Beach.* Privately operated facility with over 230 overnight sites, including cabins, tent sites, and RV spaces, many with full



Sunset State Beach

hookups. Open all year. For reservations, call: 831-722-0551.

- RV rentals
- Swimming pool
- Miniature golf
- Game room

SUNSET STATE BEACH: *End of Sunset Beach Rd., south Santa Cruz County.* Both day use and camping. Picnic area is on the bluff behind the beach. A paved ramp leads down to the sand. A second day-use area with restrooms and beach shower is located a mile past the entrance station. Hazardous swimming. Call: 831-763-7062.

The wooded campground has 90 sites, including group and wheelchair-accessible sites.

Amenities include picnic tables, barbecue grills, and showers. Campground host on site.

- Seven miles of sandy beach, including adjacent Palm Beach
- Popular fishing spot; sardines, surf perch, and the occasional striped bass are caught

PALM BEACH: *End of Beach Rd., south Santa Cruz County.* Huge dunes separate the parking area from the beach, requiring a somewhat difficult walk through loose sand. Picnic area is shaded by trees. Palm Beach is part of Sunset State Beach, which extends south almost to the mouth of the Pajaro River. Dogs allowed in the picnic area only; must be on a six-foot leash and attended at all times.



Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S earliest beachfront resorts appeared at Santa Cruz by 1868 in the form of a bathhouse, swimming tank, and entertainment house. The first small railway ride at Santa Cruz designed purely for amusement was built in 1884 and reached the dizzying height of 24 feet above the ground. By 1893, the Miller-Leibbrandt Plunge at Santa Cruz featured a heated saltwater swimming pool, billiard parlor, card room, and café.

Amusement parks and pleasure piers provided seaside entertainment at a time when playing in the surf or sunbathing were not practical pursuits for most visitors to the California coast. Standards of propriety required beachgoers to remain more or less fully dressed, if they chose to lounge upon the sand. Those who dared to enter the water wore heavy woolen attire that was intended solely for bathing; at Santa Cruz it was prohibited to sit on the beach in a swimsuit. Ocean swimming could be risky. If a swimmer got in trouble, someone might toss a life ring, but volunteer rescuers generally avoided getting into the water with a flailing victim. Professional lifeguards began to be employed only in the early 20th century, at Long Beach by 1908 and at Huntington Beach and San Diego by 1918.

Meanwhile, visitors to seaside amusement parks and pleasure piers enjoyed the salt air

and a view of the surf with perhaps a vicarious thrill of danger. The Pike, an amusement park once located off Ocean Blvd. near downtown Long Beach, appeared in the 1880s. Rides and carnival attractions were added until eventually the Pike became so typical of the species that it was used regularly by Hollywood for location shots. Two major amusement parks built along Santa Monica Bay on piers are no longer in existence: Ocean Park Pier at the south edge of Santa Monica, and a former version of today's Venice Pier.

San Francisco's former Playland-at-the-Beach originated in 1928 along the Great Hwy. south of the Cliff House. The park featured inventions of owner George Whitney, such as the Photo-While-You-Wait booth and cartoon cutouts for snapshot poses. Features included a carousel built by famed designer Charles Loeff, along with the Giant Dipper roller coaster and the Fun House, where visitors were greeted with numbing hilarity by mechanical Laughing Sal.

Although some have vanished, seaside amusement parks and pleasure piers still draw visitors to the California coast. Several parks have seen a revival of interest in recent years. The **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk** includes a mix of historic and modern attractions. The carousel features animals carved in 1911 by Charles Loeff; riders on the outside grab for

steel rings and try to toss them in the clown's mouth. The Giant Dipper wooden roller coaster, built in 1924 by Looft's son, Arthur, is also still in operation. Newer thrill rides include the Tsunami and the Hurricane, and younger visitors enjoy the Kiddie Speed Boats and Red Baron rides. The Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk has free admission, and free entertainment on the adjacent beach is a long-standing tradition. The Beach Boardwalk is open daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day and also on most weekends and holidays during the spring and fall months; some attractions are open year round. For information, call: 831-426-7433.

The Giant Dipper roller coaster is one of the signature attractions at **Belmont Park** in San Diego. The wooden roller coaster opened on the Fourth of July, 1925 as part of the 33-acre seaside amusement park that was originally known as the Mission Beach Amusement Center. Belmont Park was extremely popular through the 1930s and 1940s but was later eclipsed by other attractions, leading to closure of the Giant Dipper in 1976. Following restoration and reopening of the roller coaster in 1990, Belmont Park once again draws visitors with free admission, free parking, and attractions that range from an old-fashioned carousel to wave-riding machines, the Beach Blaster, and user-controlled thrill rides. The Plunge is southern California's largest indoor heated swimming pool. Arcade games and rides are open most days, year round; for information, call: 858-228-9283.

Shoreline Village in Long Beach offers an opportunity to ride on the historic carousel once housed at San Francisco's Playland-at-the-Beach. The carousel was created in

about 1906 and spent seven years at Luna Park in Seattle, as well as some 44 years in San Francisco, before reopening in Long Beach in 1982. There are 50 horses with real horsehair tails, four each of camels, giraffes, and rams, and four chariots, all handsomely restored in jewel-bright colors. The Pelican Pier Pavilion, which houses the carousel and arcade games, is open most days, year round; for information, call: 562-980-1415.

The Fun Zone, located on the **Balboa Peninsula** in Newport Beach, is a small-scale amusement park that features a waterfront Ferris wheel, game arcades, food concessions, and shops. The Fun Factory in **Redondo Beach** is an indoor collection of arcade games and amusements. The Fun Factory is adjacent to the **Redondo Beach Municipal Pier**, which has shops and restaurants, and the **Monstad Pier**, which offers fishing.

At Santa Monica, the area's third major amusement park on a pier was built after World War I and featured a roller coaster, ballroom, and vibrantly colorful carousel. The **Santa Monica Municipal Pier**, which is actually made up of two adjacent pier structures at the foot of Colorado Ave., later served purposes that ranged from dance hall to convention center to, briefly, a city jail. Following major storm damage in 1983 and subsequent rebuilding, the pier once again began to feature amusement park attractions in the form of Pacific Park. The park has free admission, a restored carousel, and a Ferris wheel bearing computer-controlled LED lights that provide a spectacular display after dark. Pacific Park is open daily, year round, with more limited operations on non-summer weekdays; for information, call: 310-260-8744.



Santa Monica Municipal Pier, Los Angeles County



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Marina SB

Fort Ord Dunes SB

Monterey SB

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Pescadero Pt.

Carmel River SB

Point Lobos SNR

Garrapata SP

Little Sur R

Pt. Sur

Point Sur SHP

Big Sur R

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Pfeiffer Big Sur SP

Julia Pfeiffer Burns SP

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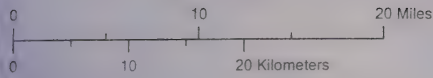
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MONTEREY

PACIFIC OCEAN





View from Hurricane Point, Big Sur coast

MONTEREY COUNTY

THE COUNTY'S COAST offers some of the world's best-known coastal attractions. A great arc of sandy beach extends along Monterey Bay, while the Monterey Peninsula is cloaked with wind-sculpted native pine and cypress trees. Carmel's brilliant white sands and the Big Sur coast's peaks and valleys draw visitors. Marine mammals commonly seen offshore include several species of whales and dolphins, orcas, and winsome but feisty sea otters.

Drive a scenic route

The 17-Mile Drive originated in 1881 for use by guests at Monterey's Del Monte Hotel. Horse-drawn coaches made a 17-mile round trip from Monterey along the coast of Pacific Grove, south to the Carmel Mission, and back over Carmel Hill to Monterey. The wooded area between Pacific Grove and Carmel became known as the Del Monte Forest. An

early stop on the tour was Pebble Beach, site of the famous golf course that opened to the public in 1919. Samuel F. B. Morse, the grand-nephew of the inventor of Morse code, acquired the Del Monte Forest and subdivided the land while preserving much of the native Monterey pine and Monterey cypress forest. Today, the Del Monte Forest is a private community managed by the Pebble Beach Company with residences, golf courses, and hiking and equestrian trails. A fee is charged for vehicle entry to the 17-Mile Drive; pedestrians and bicyclists pay no toll. Motorcycles are prohibited. Visitors enjoy free parking and use of picnic areas.

Hwy. One along the Big Sur coast from the Carmel River south to the San Luis Obispo County line was designated in 1965 as California's first Scenic Highway. The route



Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

includes landmarks such as the famous **Bixby Creek Bridge**, with its bridge deck that soars 260 feet above sea level, higher than that of the Golden Gate Bridge. Pull-outs are scattered along the seaward side of Hwy. One, making them more easily used by south-bound travelers. **Garrapata State Park** at the north end of the Big Sur coast contains numerous roadside viewpoints, as does Hwy. One farther south, especially between **Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park** and **Limekiln State Park**. Roadside services are concentrated in the Big Sur Valley near **Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park**, with limited services farther south at the hamlets of Lucia and Gorda Springs.

Experience California history

Capital of California under Spanish and Mexican rule from 1777 until 1846, Monterey was a political and social center until the gold rush of 1849, when San Francisco rose in prominence. In the early 19th century, Monterey served as a port for New England traders seeking cattle hides for use in leather production and beef tallow for candle-making. Later in the century, Monterey Bay was the site of a Portuguese shore whaling operation, which produced whale oil, in demand as fuel for lamps and for lubricating machinery.

Several Chinese fishing villages were located on the shores of Monterey Bay, including one near Point Alones where the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** now stands. A world-renowned sardine canning industry grew along **Cannery Row** in the years following 1916, when Knut Hovden established the area's first major fish cannery. The thriving sardine canning industry peaked in 1945—the same year that John Steinbeck's novel *Cannery Row* was published. The “silver harvest” had virtually disappeared by 1951, but Pacific sardines are once again abundant, and the wild-caught fish are listed as a “best choice” on the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Seafood Guide.

Monterey is home to California's first theater, its first newspaper (*The Californian*), and its first public library (established in 1849). California State Historical Monument #1, the **Custom House**, is part of Monterey State Historic Park. For information on historic building tours, call: 831-649-7118. Also open to the public are the gardens of many historic buildings, including the Pacific House Museum at Custom House Plaza, Casa Soberanes at Pacific St. and Del Monte Ave., Stevenson House at 530 Houston St., and Larkin House on Jefferson St. between Calle Principal and Pacific Street.

Walk among towering dunes

The most ancient sand dunes along Monterey Bay were blown there by the wind one million years ago. Of more recent origin are the so-called pre-Flandrian dunes that form rolling hills, many of them now in agricultural production. Near the shore of Monterey Bay are the youngest dunes, many of them steep, lacking in vegetation, and often on the move. Sand mining was once common along Monterey Bay, producing sand for the manufacture of glass and concrete. Now with protected status are dunes at **Marina State Beach**, including those at the end of Reservation Rd., where a boardwalk features native dune plants, and dunes at the end of Lake Dr., where a path leads up and over the 150-foot-high dunes to the beach. High dunes are also part of **Fort Ord Dunes State Beach** south of the town of Marina and the Eolian Dunes Preserve in Sand City.

Look for wildlife

During the summer months, excursion boats on Monterey Bay regularly provide sightings of blue, humpback, and fin whales. Frequently seen are orcas, also known as killer whales; several species of dolphins; and enormous ocean sunfish, or mola molas. Gray whales can be spotted from winter into spring during the animals' migration between summer-time feeding grounds in the Bering Sea off Alaska and calving lagoons on Mexico's Baja California peninsula. Wildlife excursions

depart year round from Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey and from Moss Landing Harbor, located very close to an arm of the deep Monterey Submarine Canyon where marine wildlife often gathers. Wildlife excursions can also be booked with vendors at **Santa Cruz Harbor** on the north side of Monterey Bay.

Southern sea otters often "raft" in groups near the mouth of Elkhorn Slough and can be seen easily from the shore at **Moss Landing State Beach**. Along with more than 500 other marine species, sea otters can also be viewed close-up at the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**. The Ventana Wildlife Society, which participates in efforts to re-establish endangered California condors on the Big Sur coast, offers tips on where condors may be spotted along Hwy. One and also docent-led condor-sighting tours; for information, call: 831-455-9514.

Other attractions

Carmel City Beach, with its white quartz sand, is the site of the Great Sand Castle Contest held annually in September; call: 831-620-2020. Also in Carmel, the long-running summertime Carmel Bach Festival presents concerts at the Carmel Mission church and elsewhere; call: 831-624-1521. The Monterey Jazz Festival, started in 1958, takes place annually in September at the Monterey County Fairgrounds; call: 831-373-3366. The Monterey County Visitor Center is at Camino El Estero and E. Franklin St. in Monterey; call: 888-221-1010.



Southern sea otter, Monterey Bay



Elkhorn Slough

Monterey County

Northern Monterey County

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Zmudowski State Beach	•								•	•							•	•	
Kirby Park							•	•	•			•	•				•	•	
Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve		•						•			•	•	•				•	•	•
Moss Landing Wildlife Area		•						•									•		
Moss Landing State Beach	•								•	•							•	•	
Boardwalk to Beach	•											•						•	
Path to Beach	•																		
Moss Landing Harbor				•		•	•	•	•			•	•				•	•	•
Salinas River State Beach	•	•							•								•	•	

ZMUDOWSKI STATE BEACH:

End of Giberson Rd., 3 mi. N. of Moss Landing. From Hwy. One, turn west on Struve Rd., then onto Giberson Road. Call: 831-649-2836.

- Hike south to the Moss Landing harbor entrance along the sandy beach; do not trespass on adjacent fields
- Horses permitted on the wet sand only
- Boardwalk runs along a wetland north of the parking area

KIRBY PARK: Elkhorn Rd., N.E. of Moss Landing. Public fishing spot with boat ramp and floating dock. A mile-long paved wheelchair-accessible trail runs north along the slough. Call: 831-633-2461.

- Kayak launch

ELKHORN SLOUGH NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE: 1700 Elkhorn Rd., N. of Castroville. The 1,700-acre reserve protects wetlands and uplands for scientific research and public education. Trails, one wheelchair accessible, lead to viewpoints overlooking Elkhorn Slough. Fee for trail use; no fee for picnic area and visitor center. The reserve is open Wed.–Sun., 9 AM–5 PM; call: 831-728-2822.

- Docent-led nature walks on weekends

MOSS LANDING WILDLIFE AREA: N. of Elkhorn Slough, E. of Hwy. One, Moss Landing. The

turnoff from Hwy. One is marked by a brown sign with a binocular icon. Park east of the boat repair shop. A dirt trail leads to an Elkhorn Slough overlook.

MOSS LANDING STATE BEACH: Jetty Rd., W. of Hwy. One. Pull-outs and paths to the beach are along Jetty Road. Strong rip currents make the ocean unsafe for swimming. Call: 831-649-2836.

- Surf fishing
- Horseback riding
- Look for sea otters floating in the Elkhorn Slough entrance channel

BOARDWALK TO BEACH: 7544 Sandholdt Rd., Moss Landing. Wheelchair-accessible boardwalk is on the north side of a Moss Landing Marine Laboratory building.

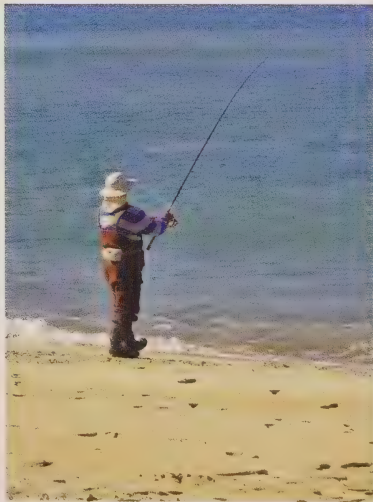
PATH TO BEACH: N. of 7700 Sandholdt Rd., Moss Landing. Half-hidden loose-sand path is next to Phil's Fish Market.

MOSS LANDING HARBOR: Sandholdt Rd., W. of Hwy. One, Moss Landing. At the harbor area north of the Elkhorn Slough channel are a public viewing wharf, visiting boat dock, and four-lane boat ramp (fee charged); kayaks can be launched into the slough. The south part of Moss Landing Harbor off Sandholdt Rd. includes boat slips, pumpout station, and the harbor office; call: 831-633-2461. Restaurants are nearby.

- Fishing charters
- Whale-watching vendors include Sanctuary Cruises (831-917-1042) and Blue Ocean Whale Watch (831-600-5103)
- Elkhorn Slough Safari boats offer wildlife viewing; call: 831-633-5555
- Moss Landing KOA at the south harbor offers RV-only camping; call: 831-633-6800

SALINAS RIVER STATE BEACH: W. of Hwy. One, Moss Landing. Parking areas are at the south end of Sandholdt Rd., at the end of Potrero Rd., and off Molera Rd. and Monterey Dunes Way. Call: 831-649-2836.

- Fishing
- Clamming
- Equestrians are limited to the beach and the trail through the dunes off Molera Road



Salinas River State Beach



Marina State Beach

Monterey County

Salinas River to Sand City

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Salinas River National Wildlife Refuge	•	•						•								•		
Marina Dunes Open Space Preserve	•	•						•	•							•		
Marina Dunes RV Park				•					•		•	•			•	•	•	•
Sanctuary Beach Resort	•	•														•		
Marina State Beach	•	•									•				•	•		
Fort Ord Dunes State Beach	•	•	•					•			•				•	•		
Eolian Dunes Preserve	•	•	•						•							•		
Fort Ord National Monument		•	•					•	•							•		

SALINAS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: *N.W. of Hwy. One, 3 mi. S. of Castroville.* Turn off Hwy. One at Del Monte Blvd. (exit 412) and go north one mile on dirt road to parking area. A mile-long path leads to the ocean. Call: 510-792-0222.

- Fishing along the shore for starry flounder, sand sole, surfperch, jacksmelt, and small sharks
- Wildlife observation
- Waterfowl hunting

MARINA DUNES OPEN SPACE PRESERVE: *N. end of Dunes Dr., Marina.* This former sand mine has been revegetated with native plants; stay on the beach path to protect the restoration efforts. The sandy beach extends south for miles along Monterey Bay. Call: 831-372-3196.

MARINA DUNES RV PARK: *3330 Dunes Dr., Marina.* Privately operated campground with more than 60 RV sites, some wheelchair accessible; tent campsites also available. The park includes a playground,

laundry, gift shop, and fitness room. Reservations recommended; call: 831-384-6914.

SANCTUARY BEACH RESORT: *3295 Dunes Dr., Marina.* To reach a public beach path, upon entering the resort property skirt to the right of the entrance building and turn left to park. Walk seaward between the buildings.

MARINA STATE BEACH: *W. end of Reservation Rd., Marina.* The beach is popular with picnickers, anglers, and surfers but is not good for swimming due to strong currents. Another access to Marina State Beach is at the west end of Lake Dr., where a loose sand path leads over dunes to the beach. Call: 831-649-2836.

High dunes and regular breezes make this a popular spot for hang-gliders, paragliders, and model airplane enthusiasts; pilots must register first at the Reservation Rd. parking lot

- A boardwalk off Reservation Rd. leads south through dunes with markers that describe the area's plants and animals

FORT ORD DUNES STATE BEACH: *Shoreline of Monterey Bay, Fort Ord.* Exit Hwy. One at Light Fighter Dr. and head inland, then turn north on 2nd Avenue. Turn left (west) on 1st St., also signed as Divarty Street. Cross under the freeway and turn right; follow directional signs to the paved parking area. A sandy path leads between towering dunes to the beach.

- Surf fishing

EOLIAN DUNES PRESERVE: *W. ends of Tioga Ave. and Bay St., Sand City.* Informal access to the beach and windblown, or "eolian," dunes; roadside parking. The sandy beach extends south through Monterey State Beach. Call: 831-372-3196.

FORT ORD NATIONAL MONUMENT: *E. of Seaside, W. of Hwy. 68, Monterey County.* Portions of the former army base have been opened to public use. Parking area and trail access are off Reservation Rd. near Hwy. 68, five miles east of Hwy. One. Managed by the Bureau of Land Management; call: 831-394-8314.

- Hiking
- Mountain biking
- Horseback riding



Fort Ord Dunes



Del Monte Beach



Monterey County

Seaside to Monterey

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Seaside Beach	•	•	•								•				•	•		
Monterey State Beach	•	•	•				•				•				•	•		
Del Monte Beach	•	•							•		•	•			•	•		
Roberts Lake		•	•				•				•	•			•	•		
Laguna Grande Park		•					•		•		•	•			•	•		

SEASIDE BEACH: *Sand Dunes Dr., W. of Hwy. One, Seaside.* Part of Monterey State Beach, known as Seaside Beach, is on the north side of the Beach Resort Monterey. There are picnic tables, paved parking, and a sandy path to the beach. Call: 831-649-2836.

- A boardwalk leads through dunes vegetated with native plants

MONTEREY STATE BEACH: *Sand Dunes Dr., W. of Hwy. One, Seaside.* This unit of Monterey State Beach, signed as Houghton M. Roberts Beach, is located at the south end of Sand Dunes Drive. There is parking and access down the sloping dune to the sandy beach.

- The Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail for hikers and bicyclists runs along the shore

DEL MONTE BEACH: *N. of Del Monte Blvd., Monterey.* Turn off Del Monte Blvd. toward the bay at Casa Verde and bear right on Roberts Ave., then left on Surf Way to the beach. The beach park, which slopes gently to the water's edge, is maintained by the City of Monterey. Portable restrooms are at the south end of Tide Ave. at Beach Way. On-street parking; wheelchair-accessible parking is at the end of Beach Way.

- A wheelchair-accessible boardwalk leads through the dunes
- Benches are placed to take advantage of excellent views of the bay and the wooded Monterey Peninsula

ROBERTS LAKE: *Roberts Ave. and Canyon Del Rey, Seaside.* Roberts Lake and Laguna Grande were once a single brackish lagoon

with an outlet to Monterey Bay. Now divided, the two water bodies are cut off from tidal action but still provide wildlife habitat. Parking is on Roberts Avenue. The site adjoins the Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail. Call: 831-899-6825.

- Popular model boat racing area
- Look for pied-billed grebes and green herons

LAGUNA GRANDE PARK: *Off Del Monte Ave., along Canyon Del Rey Blvd., Seaside, and Virgin Ave., Monterey.* The freshwater lake is lined with tules and cat-tails, a habitat for red-winged blackbirds. A paved path rings Laguna Grande and crosses the lake via a bridge; picnic areas have barbecue pits. Restrooms and parking are on both east and west sides of the lake. The portion of the park along Canyon Del Rey Blvd. is maintained by the city of Seaside; call: 831-899-6825. On the other side of the lake, off Virgin Ave., the city of Monterey manages park facilities; call: 831-646-3866.

- Volleyball nets for rent
- Free blues concerts are offered on Sunday afternoons in the summertime



Seaside Beach



Joseph Boston Store, also known as Casa del Oro, part of Monterey State Historic Park

Monterey County

Monterey Central

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Monterey Bay Sanctuary Scenic Trail	•	•	•	•					•	•			•	•		•	•	•	
El Estero Park			•				•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•	
Monterey Beach	•		•	•			•					•	•			•	•	•	
Municipal Wharf No. 2							•		•			•	•			•	•	•	
Monterey Marina							•		•								•	•	
Fisherman's Wharf							•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•	•	
Custom House Plaza			•	•							•	•	•	•			•	•	
Museum of Monterey										•		•	•				•	•	•

MONTEREY BAY SANCTUARY SCENIC TRAIL: *Parallel to waterfront, Monterey.* A paved trail runs along the old Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way from north of Marina through Seaside to Pacific Grove; a link to Santa Cruz County is planned. The wheelchair-accessible trail, part of the California Coastal Trail, runs near many popular attractions.

EL ESTERO PARK: *Del Monte Ave. and Camino El Estero, Monterey.* Landscaped city park features pedal boats on a lake, picnic areas, ball park, and off-leash dog area. Call: 831-646-3866.

- Dennis the Menace Playground contains a climbing wall, pint-size maze, and other unusual play equipment
- Lake fishing from a pier off 3rd St.; no license required for anglers under 16
- Monterey Skate Park is north of the ball field, next to the lake

MONTEREY BEACH: *Shoreline E. of Municipal Wharf No. 2, Monterey.* Wide beach and adjacent picnic facilities. For beach information, call: 831-646-3866. A beach wheelchair is available at Monterey Bay Kayaks; call: 831-373-5357. Leashed dogs allowed east of Municipal Wharf No. 2. Fee parking adjacent to beach.

- Sand volleyball nets

MUNICIPAL WHARF NO. 2: *Foot of Figueroa St., Monterey.* Commercial fishing wharf with restaurants, snack bar, and

metered parking. A three-ton capacity token-operated public boat hoist is available 24 hours a day; hoist use requires training. For information about the wharf, call: 831-646-3950.

- Fishing promenade on the east side of the wharf; no license required for sport fishing

MONTEREY MARINA: *Between Fisherman's Wharf and Municipal Wharf No. 2, Monterey.* The marina has 413 slips up to 50 feet in length. Visiting boats may rent slips on a no-reservation basis; call the Harbormaster: 831-646-3950. Two no-fee launch ramps are next to the Harbormaster's office; metered parking is available for vehicles with boat trailers. Marina and wharf facilities are open daily, 24 hours a day.

FISHERMAN'S WHARF: *Foot of Alvarado St., Monterey.* Restaurants, gift shops, art galleries, and tackle and bait shops. Fee parking nearby.

- Harbor cruises, fishing trips,

and whale-watching excursions available on the wharf

CUSTOM HOUSE PLAZA: *Foot of Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey.* Built in 1827, the Custom House has been a focus of activity since Monterey's early days. Also on Custom House Plaza is Pacific House, built in 1847, which houses the Monterey Museum of the American Indian.

- For cell phone tour of Monterey State Historic Park, call: 831-998-9458 (minutes usage applies)

MUSEUM OF MONTEREY: *5 Custom House Plaza, Monterey.* The museum's collections include early California art, the Allen Knight Collection of ship memorabilia, and the Fresnel lens used for 90 years at Point Sur Light Station. Museum gift shop includes ship models. Summer hours are 10 AM–7 PM, Tues.–Sat., and noon–5 PM on Sunday, with shorter winter hours; call: 831-372-2608.



Fisherman's Wharf



San Carlos Beach Park

Monterey County

Monterey and Cannery Row

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Fisherman's Shoreline Park		•	•					•	•		•	•				•		
Breakwater Cove Marina						•		•					•	•	•	•		
Coast Guard Pier						•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•		
San Carlos Beach Park	•		•		•		•			•	•			•	•			
Aeneas Beach	•																	
Cannery Row	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•			•	•	•	
McAbee Beach	•																	
Monterey Bay Aquarium								•		•		•			•	•	•	•
Hostelling International Monterey										•	•	•			•	•	•	
Presidio of Monterey Museum										•	•	•			•	•		
Veteran's Memorial Park				•					•		•	•			•	•		

FISHERMAN'S SHORELINE PARK: *Between the Coast Guard Pier and Fisherman's Wharf, Monterey.* A linear park with benches and harbor views.

BREAKWATER COVE MARINA: *32 Cannery Row, Monterey.* Eighty-slip marina with boat hoist, boat storage, and repair facility; guest boat slips available. For marina information, call: 831-373-7857. For fuel dock, call: 831-647-9402.

- Dive equipment and kayak rentals

COAST GUARD PIER: *S.E. end of Wave St., Monterey.* Home port for Coast Guard vessels; public access is permitted from sunrise to sunset. A change machine provides coins for metered parking.

- Launch ramp for trailered boats and small craft
- Fishing permitted on the north side of the breakwater
- Seals and sea lions haul out on the rock jetty

SAN CARLOS BEACH PARK: *Foot of Reeside Ave., Monterey.* Lawns, picnic tables, and beach access via stairs and ramp; metered parking adjacent.

- Popular entry point for divers
- Public viewing deck is at the Monterey Bay Inn

AENEAS BEACH: *400 Cannery Row, Monterey.* Beach access via stairs at the east end of the Monterey Plaza Hotel. A public

walkway leads along the ocean side of the hotel to a viewpoint on the west side near the Chart House Restaurant.

CANNERY ROW: *Between David Ave. and Coast Guard Pier, Monterey.* Once the center of a thriving sardine canning industry, now a popular visitor attraction with shops, restaurants, and hotels. Look for pedestrian walkways bayward of many buildings along Cannery Row.

- Adventures by the Sea rents kayaks, paddleboards, and bicycles; call: 831-372-1807

MCABEE BEACH: *Foot of Prescott Ave., Monterey.* Beach stairs are at Steinbeck Plaza and on either side of the Spindrift Inn.

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM: *Cannery Row at David Ave., Monterey.* The internationally acclaimed aquarium contains numerous habitat displays, touch tanks, hands-on exhibits, and gift shop. Open daily except Dec. 25; for recorded information, call: 831-648-4800. A free public viewpoint is next to the aquarium entrance.

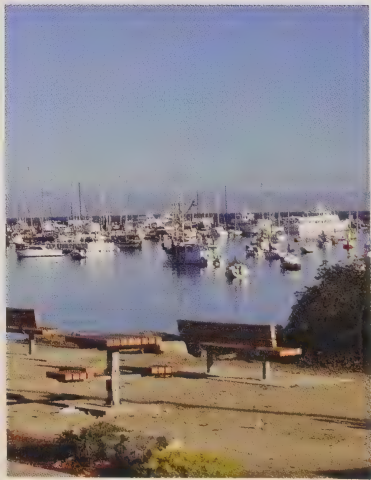
HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL, MONTEREY: *778 Hawthorne St., Monterey.* Private and shared rooms are in a renovated historic building. Self-serve kitchen and free WiFi available; free parking. Call: 831-649-0375.

- Bicycle rentals

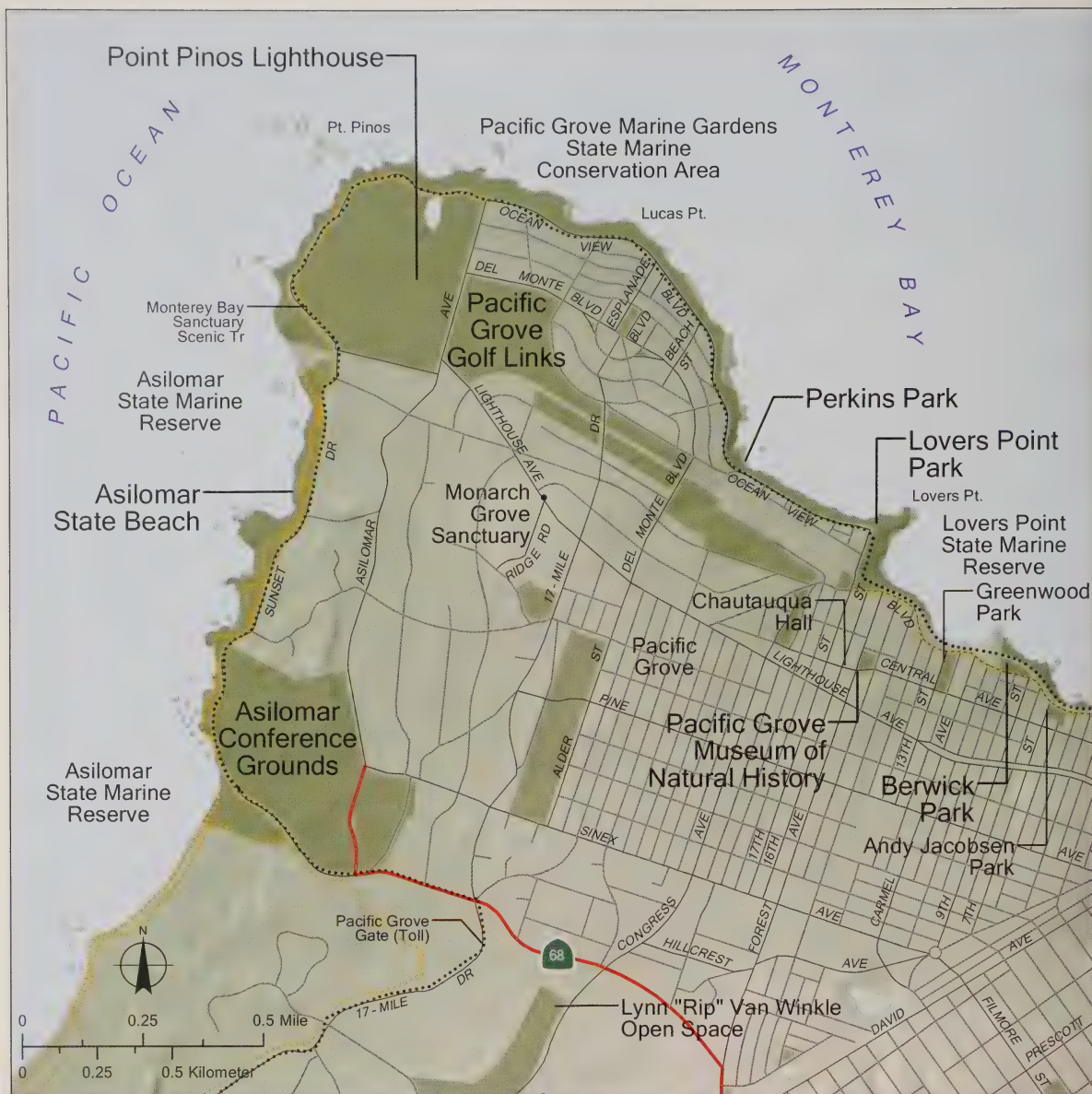
PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY MUSEUM: *Corporal Ewing Rd. near Artillery St., Presidio of Monterey.* The area's military history is the focus of the museum, operated by the city of Monterey. Open Mon., 10 AM–1 PM; Thurs.–Sat., 10 AM–4 PM; and Sun., 1–4 PM. Closed certain holidays; call: 831-646-3456.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK: *W. end of Jefferson St., Monterey.* Picnic areas and campground for tents or RVs; hike or bike campers welcome. Family campsites are first-come, first-served; youth group campsites and group picnic areas can be reserved. Fee for camping. Call: 831-646-3865.

- Access on foot to adjacent Huckleberry Hill Nature Preserve



Fisherman's Shoreline Park



Divers, Perkins Park

Monterey County
Pacific Grove

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Berwick Park		•	•	•								•				•		
Lovers Point Park	•	•	•	•		•	•				•	•			•	•	•	
Perkins Park	•	•	•	•				•								•		
Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History							•			•	•	•				•	•	
Pacific Grove Golf Links													•	•	•	•	•	
Point Pinos Lighthouse										•	•					•		
Asilomar State Beach	•	•	•	•			•		•		•	•				•	•	
Asilomar Conference Grounds		•									•	•				•	•	•

BERWICK PARK: *Along Ocean View Blvd. between Carmel Ave. and 9th St., Pacific Grove.* A linear park, with a paved multi-use path extending its length; limited on-street parking. Two small neighborhood parks are nearby: Andy Jacobsen Park at the foot of 7th St., and Greenwood Park at the foot of 13th Street.

LOVERS POINT PARK: *End of 17th St. at Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove.* Landscaped park is dotted with Monterey cypress trees; east of the point are two small sandy beaches, popular for swimming. Parking is at Ocean View Blvd. and 17th Street. Call: 831-648-5730.

- Picnic tables and barbecue grills
- Sand volleyball
- Children's swimming pool
- Kayak and bicycle rentals

PERKINS PARK: *Along Ocean View Blvd., N.W. of Lovers Point, Pacific Grove.* Paths and benches are sited to take in the views; stairs lead to pocket beaches. Parking is mostly along the streets; small parking lots are at the foot of Beach St. and Asilomar Avenue. Undeveloped Esplanade Park is at Esplanade and Ocean View boulevards.

PACIFIC GROVE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: *Forest Ave. at Central Ave., Pacific Grove.* Exhibits about Monterey's natural history and the area's indigenous peoples; volunteer-staffed gift shop. Open Tues.–

Sun., 10 AM–5 PM, except major holidays. Donations suggested. Call: 831-648-5716.

- Native plant garden

PACIFIC GROVE GOLF LINKS: *7 Asilomar Ave., Pacific Grove.* Municipal golf course has 18 holes overlooking the Pacific; golf shop and restaurant. Call: 831-648-5775.

POINT PINOS LIGHTHOUSE: *Asilomar Ave., S. of Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove.* Point Pinos Lighthouse, built in 1855, is the oldest continuously operating lighthouse on the West Coast. The 50,000-candlepower light is visible up to 17 miles at sea. Open Thurs.–Mon., 1–4 PM. Donations suggested. Call: 831-648-3176.

The offshore rocks, islets, and exposed reefs seen off Point Pinos, and elsewhere along the California coast, are part of the California Coastal National Monument.

ASILOMAR STATE BEACH: *W. of Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove.* The state beach includes rocky shore, tidepools, sandy beach, and dunes; inland of the dunes is native Monterey pine forest. Do not disturb plants or creatures in the tidepools. Dogs must be on a six-foot leash. Parking areas are spaced along Sunset Drive. For state beach information, call: 831-646-6440.

- Wheelchair-accessible boardwalk leads through the dunes; to reserve a beach wheelchair, call: 831-372-8016

ASILOMAR CONFERENCE GROUNDS: *Asilomar Ave. at Sunset Dr., Pacific Grove.* The conference center's Arts and Crafts-style structures were designed by Julia Morgan, architect of Hearst Castle. Guest rooms are simple but have private baths; some have fireplaces. For information, call: 831-372-8016.

- Lodging is available for individuals as well as groups



Berwick Park

Monterey County

17-Mile Drive

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Spanish Bay Recreational Trail			•	•															
Spanish Bay Shoreline Pedestrian Trail	•	•	•										•						
Point Joe		•	•						•				•				•		
17-Mile Drive	•	•	•	•					•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Bird Rock		•							•				•	•			•		
Fanshell Beach	•	•							•								•		
The Lone Cypress		•															•		
Pescadero Point		•															•		
Stillwater Cove	•	•					•	•								•	•		
Del Monte Forest Hiking and Equestrian Trails			•					•		•							•		

SPANISH BAY RECREATIONAL TRAIL: *Sunset Dr. opposite Asilomar Ave., Pacific Grove.* No sign marks the spot where the packed-earth path starts on the east side of the Fish Wife restaurant. The multi-purpose path connects with 17-Mile Drive, a designated bicycle route.

SPANISH BAY SHORELINE PEDESTRIAN TRAIL: *Sunset Dr., W. of Asilomar Ave., Pacific Grove.* A pedestrian boardwalk runs seaward of the Spanish Bay golf course, with access to Moss Beach. At the Spanish Bay picnic area on 17-Mile Drive, the boardwalk becomes a packed-earth path that continues south as far as the Seal Rock picnic area. The shoreline trail connects with inland trails through Del Monte Forest.

POINT JOE: *S.W. of Moss Beach, 17-Mile Drive.* Two parking areas with viewing areas; a path parallels the shore.

17-MILE DRIVE: *Between Pacific Grove and Carmel, Del Monte Forest.* Famous scenic drive, privately owned. Toll is charged for vehicle entry; pedestrians and bicyclists may enter free. Motorcycles are prohibited.

- Overlooks and picnic areas are available for public use at no charge
- Ask at the entrance station for a Del Monte Forest Hiking and Equestrian Trail map



Stillwater Cove

BIRD ROCK: *S. of Point Joe, 17-Mile Drive.* Bird Rock and neighboring Seal Rock are hauling-out grounds for harbor seals and California sea lions; rocks also provide summer roosting sites for brown pelicans and nesting areas for Brandt's cormorants.

- Fixed telescopes in parking lot for wildlife viewing

FANSHELL BEACH: *Signal Hill Rd. and 17-Mile Drive.* Sandy beach and rocky shore; the roadside overlook is closed during the harbor seal pupping season, April 1–June 1.

THE LONE CYPRESS: *S.E. of Cypress Point, 17-Mile Drive.* A much-photographed Monterey cypress tree clings to a granite headland.

- Observation platform is at the southeast end of the viewing area

PESCADERO POINT: *1.5 mi. S.E. of Cypress Point, 17-Mile Drive.* Overlook with rocky

shore and tidepools below; no fishing or picnicking allowed.

STILLWATER COVE: *End of Cypress Dr., off 17-Mile Drive, Del Monte Forest.* Sandy beach; enter on foot through the parking lot of the Beach and Tennis Club. Visitors with hand-launched boats may drive into the designated loading area at the club to drop off or pick up equipment only. Public parking is off Cypress Dr. along the hedge, next to the tennis courts on Palmero Way, or in the structure next to Casa Palmero. For information, call: 831-625-8536. On the upcoast side of the Lodge at Pebble Beach is a public shoreline overlook.

- Dive access to Stillwater Cove

DEL MONTE FOREST HIKING AND EQUESTRIAN TRAILS: *Off 17-Mile Drive, Del Monte Forest.* A 25-mile network of riding and hiking trails. Call: 831-624-2756.

- Samuel F. B. Morse Botanical Reserve contains native Monterey pine forest



Monastery Beach



Monterey County Carmel Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Carmel City Beach	•	•	•							•						•	•		
Carmel River State Beach	•	•	•				•			•		•				•	•		
Monastery Beach	•	•										•				•	•		
Point Lobos State Natural Reserve	•	•	•				•				•	•	•			•	•	•	
Palo Corona Regional Park			•				•												

CARMEL CITY BEACH: *Foot of Ocean Ave., Carmel.* The beach has very fine white sand, composed of quartz and feldspar from eroded granite. Parking at the end of Ocean Ave. can be tight on summer days and weekends. Along Scenic Rd., a blufftop trail extends south from 8th Ave. to Martin Way; on-street parking. Eight stairways and a ramp provide access to the beach. Non-wheelchair-accessible rest-rooms are at the end of Ocean Ave.; wheelchair-accessible portable toilets are located on Scenic Rd. at Santa Lucia Avenue. Call: 831-620-2000.

- Beach volleyball
- Dogs allowed on the beach under voice control

CARMEL RIVER STATE BEACH: *Scenic Rd. at Carmelo St., Carmel.* The main parking lot is on Scenic Rd.; another beach access point is at the end of Ribera Road. Ocean swimming and wading are dangerous here. For information, call: 831-649-2836.

- In summer, look for California brown pelicans resting on the sandbar
- Divers use the beach for access to nearby underwater kelp forests

MONASTERY BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, 1.5 mi. S. of Rio Rd. intersection, Carmel.* There are fine views of Carmel and Point Lobos. The deep Carmel Submarine Canyon offshore contributes to extremely dangerous surf conditions at this steep, coarse-grained beach, which is unsafe for swimming. Roadside parking. For information, call: 831-649-2836.



Carmel City Beach

POINT LOBOS STATE NATURAL RESERVE: *Off Hwy. One, 2.2 mi. S. of Rio Rd. intersection, Carmel.* Monterey cypress and Gowen cypress trees grow naturally only at Point Lobos and in the Del Monte Forest; the reserve also contains one of the world's few native stands of Monterey pine.

All plants, rocks, wood, sea-shells, and animal life are protected and may not be disturbed, removed, or collected. Open daily, 8 AM–sunset. When full, the reserve allows vehicle entry only on a one-out, one-in basis; no trailers allowed, and vehicles over 20 feet in length are not allowed during busy periods. Call: 831-624-4909. The nearby Point Lobos Ranch property is slated for future inclusion in the state park system.

- Docent-led nature walks

- Monarch butterflies overwinter here in the forest
- Sea otters raft offshore in large clumps of giant kelp
- Diving and snorkeling are allowed in Whalers and Bluefish Coves by permit only; for reservations, see: www.pointlobos.org

PALO CORONA REGIONAL PARK: *E. of Hwy. One, S. of Carmel River Bridge.* A large open-space park, measuring 4,350 acres, and open to visitors by advance permit only. Reservation requests are taken on a first-come, first-served basis and should be submitted no fewer than two days, and no more than 30 days, in advance of a planned visit. The park is managed by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District. Call: 831-372-3196, or for a permit application, see: www.mprpd.org.



Garrapata State Park



Monterey County

Big Sur North

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Garrapata State Park	•	•	•						•							•	•		
Soberanes Point		•	•						•								•		
Garrapata Beach	•	•	•							•							•		
Viewpoint		•															•		
Bixby Creek Bridge											•						•		
Hurricane Point		•															•		
Brazil Ranch			•						•										
Bottcher's Gap			•		•					•							•	•	•

GARRAPATA STATE PARK: *Hwy. One, 3.3 mi. S. of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.* The park stretches four miles along Hwy. One and more than two miles inland. Park entrances are limited to easily missed numbered roadside gates; some trails are overgrown. Call: 831-624-4909.

- Near Hwy. One milepost 66.0 is roadside gate #7, with a steep path overlooking Soberanes Creek
- Opposite gate #7 the Rocky Ridge Trail climbs five miles inland to the summit of Doud Peak; mountain bikes allowed
- A hedgerow of Monterey cypress trees and pull-outs mark gate #8 and a blufftop trail
- Opposite gate #8 the Soberanes Canyon Trail leads inland up a narrow valley

SOBERANES POINT: *Hwy. One, 4.9 mi. S. of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.* Seaward of Hwy. One, gate #10 marks paths around Soberanes Point and to the crest of Whale Peak. South of Soberanes Point, a pull-out marked with a brown Coastal Access sign is next to gate #11, where there is an ocean-viewing bench. Gate #17 at milepost 64.0 south of the Granite Creek Bridge opens to a short, steep path with fine views.

GARRAPATA BEACH: *Hwy. One, 7.3 mi. S. of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve.* The beach has white sand and aquamarine water, but rough surf makes swimming unsafe. Parking

in wide pull-outs along Hwy. One. Call: 831-624-4909.

- Paths lead seaward from gates #18 and #19 to the sandy beach and a short blufftop trail
- At the south end are beach stairs accessible from gate #18

VIEWPOINT: *Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Garrapata Beach.* Views of rocky Otter Cove.

BIXBY CREEK BRIDGE: *Hwy. One, 11 mi. S. of Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, Big Sur Coast.* The Bixby Creek Bridge deck is 260 feet high, exceeding the height above water of the Golden Gate Bridge by some 40 feet. A small southbound pull-out is on the north side of the bridge. The similar but smaller Rocky Creek Bridge, also with a small view pull-out on the north

side, is located a half-mile north of the Bixby Creek Bridge.

HURRICANE POINT: *Hwy. One, 1.3 mi. S. of Bixby Creek Bridge, Big Sur Coast.* Roadside pull-out with dramatic views.

BRAZIL RANCH: *S. of Bixby Creek Bridge, E. and W. of Hwy. One, Big Sur Coast.* Historic ranch property was acquired by the U.S. Forest Service for addition to Los Padres National Forest.

- For information on guided hikes, contact the Monterey Ranger District: 831-385-5434

BOTTCHER'S GAP: *End of Palo Colorado Rd., 8 mi. E. of Hwy. One, Big Sur.* Day-use area, campground, and access to Los Padres National Forest trails. Fee for camping; call: 805-434-1996.



Path to Garrapata Beach, Garrapata State Park



Crossing Big Sur River, Andrew Molera State Park

Monterey County

Point Sur to Big Sur Valley

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Point Sur Light Station			•							•					•	•	•	
Andrew Molera State Park	•	•	•		•			•		•						•	•	•
Big Sur Campground				•					•			•			•	•	•	•
Riverside Campground				•					•			•			•	•	•	•
Fernwood Resort			•						•			•			•	•	•	•

POINT SUR LIGHT STATION:

Hwy. One at Point Sur, Big Sur Coast. The light station was built in 1889 on the Point Sur headland, 270 feet above the ocean. The initial light source for its Fresnel lens, since removed, was a whale oil lantern. A modern beacon now operates at the station, which is within Point Sur State Historic Park and is open to visitors on a limited basis.

Docent-led walking tours take place year round on Saturday and Sunday at 10 AM, weather permitting; Wednesday afternoon tours are also offered, as are additional walks in summer. No reservations taken; tours depart promptly and last three hours, requiring considerable stair climbing. No pets, strollers, or picnicking allowed. Meet at the locked entrance gate at mile marker 54.1, one quarter-mile north of the former Point Sur Naval Facility. Limited parking; no large RVs. For information, call: 831-625-4419.

- No beach access
- Occasional moonlight tours offered

ANDREW MOLERA STATE PARK: *Hwy. One, 8.3 mi. S. of Bixby Creek Bridge, Big Sur.* The park's vehicle entrance and parking lot are on the north side of the Big Sur River, while much of the park lies south of the river. There are no bridges within the park other than summertime plank crossings for pedestrians. The trail to Molera Point is accessible all year from the parking area, without the need to cross the river. The visitor center is in a historic ranch house, usually



Horseback tour, Andrew Molera State Park

open Sat.–Sun., 11 AM–3 PM. The parking area does not accommodate RVs. Call: 831-667-2315.

- Surf spot at the mouth of the Big Sur River
- Walk-in campground is a quarter-mile from the parking area; no reservations taken
- Guided horseback rides available from Molera Horseback Tours; call: 831-625-5486

BIG SUR CAMPGROUND: *Hwy. One, 1.7 mi. N. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Big Sur.* Privately owned facility with tent and RV campsites and cabins. RV sites have hookups; some cabins have kitchens and fireplaces. Hot showers, laundry, playground, and store. Open all year; call: 831-667-2322.

RIVERSIDE CAMPGROUND: *Hwy. One, 1.6 mi. N. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Big Sur.* Privately owned campground in the redwoods with tent campsites, RV sites, and cabins. Hot showers, laundry, and firewood are available. Open all year, weather permitting. Call: 831-667-2414.

FERNWOOD RESORT: *Hwy. One, .7 mi. N. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Big Sur.* Privately owned facility on the Big Sur River with tent campsites, RV sites, and cabins. Hot showers available; RV sites have water and power hookups. Also available are a motel, restaurant, and general store. Open all year; call: 831-667-2422.



Big Sur River, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park

Monterey County
Big Sur Valley to Julia Pfeiffer
Burns State Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park			•		•				•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Pfeiffer Beach	•	•								•			•				•	•	•
Big Sur Station			•								•		•	•			•	•	
Post Ranch Inn			•														•		
Ventana Campground					•					•							•	•	•
Los Padres National Forest	•	•	•		•				•	•							•	•	
Partington Cove Trail		•	•						•									•	
Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park		•	•		•								•	•			•	•	

PFEIFFER BIG SUR STATE PARK: *Along Hwy. One, 26 mi. S. of Carmel, Big Sur.* There are over 180 campsites, plus walk-in group campsites; enroute camping is also allowed. Some sites are wheelchair accessible. RV dump station available. Leashed dogs are allowed in the campground. For campsite reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 831-667-2315. The Big Sur Lodge, with rooms and cabins, swimming pool, café, and gift shop, is within the park; for information, call: 1-800-424-4787.

- Pfeiffer Falls is a one-mile walk from the park's nature center
- Wheelchair-accessible, self-guided nature trail
- Summertime walks and programs are offered

PFEIFFER BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, end of Sycamore Canyon Rd., Big Sur.* Unsigned, hard-to-find turn-off to beach is located six-tenths of a mile south of Big Sur Station. Gusty winds are common; fires are prohibited. Part of Los Padres National Forest; for information, call: 831-385-5434.

BIG SUR STATION: *E. of Hwy. One, .6 mi. S. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park entrance.* Information center for Big Sur state parks and Los Padres National Forest, plus fire permits, group picnic area reservations, and wedding permits. Maps and books for sale. Open daily, 8 AM–4:30 PM, with shorter winter hours; call: 831-667-2315.

POST RANCH INN: *W. of Hwy. One, 2.4 mi. S. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.* Private resort west of Hwy. One. An upland loop trail is open to the public on a permit basis; obtain a pass at the entry kiosk.

VENTANA CAMPGROUND: *E. of Hwy. One, 2.4 mi. S. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.* This privately owned campground in the redwoods shares an entry with the Ventana Inn. There are 92 campsites for tents or RVs up to 22 feet long; picnic tables, fire rings, and hot showers available. No generators allowed. See: www.ventanacampground.com.

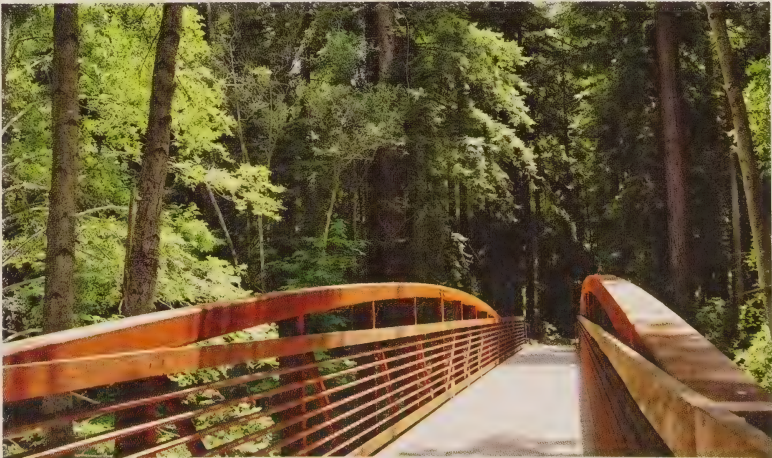
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST: *Big Sur Coast.* The national forest extends into five counties, with 1,200 miles of trails. Camping outside designated campgrounds is allowed in some areas. For information, maps, and required fire

permits, visit Big Sur Station or call the national forest office in King City: 831-385-5434.

PARTINGTON COVE TRAIL: *W. of Hwy. One, 1.8 mi. N. of entrance to Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park.* Trail starts at milepost 37.8 on Hwy. One and leads through a 200-foot-long tunnel to the shoreline. Roadside parking.

JULIA PFEIFFER BURNS STATE PARK: *E. and W. of Hwy. One, 11 mi. S. of Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.* Park east of Hwy. One and cross under the roadway on the Waterfall Trail; other trails lead inland along McWay Creek. Two environmental campsites are on the headland; register at Big Sur Station. For park information, call: 831-667-2315; for camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- The much-photographed McWay waterfall cascades 80 feet onto the beach



Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park



Limekiln State Park



Monterey County

Esalen to Mill Creek

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Esalen Institute																			
Limekiln State Park	•	•	•		•				•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Vicente Flat Trail			•		•												•		
Kirk Creek Campground		•	•		•								•				•	•	•
Mill Creek Picnic Area	•	•	•										•	•			•	•	

ESALEN INSTITUTE: *W. of Hwy. One, 2.3 mi. S. of Julia Pfeiffer Burns State Park, Big Sur Coast.* Workshops and retreats are conducted; most services, including massage and use of the natural hot-spring mineral baths, require advance reservations. For information, call: 831-667-3000.

- South of Esalen along Hwy. One, pull-outs at the Big Creek Bridge and Gamboa Point offer sweeping views of rugged coast

LIMEKILN STATE PARK: *Off Hwy. One, 2 mi. S. of Lucia.* A sandy beach lies at the mouth of a steeply sided canyon. Rough surf; swimming not advised. Some of the park's 33 campsites overlook the beach and can accommodate RVs up to 24 feet long and trailers up to 15 feet. Other campsites, for tents only, are in a redwood grove. Restrooms have showers. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. From November 1 through mid-March, some campsites are

available on a first-come, first-served basis. For park information, call: 805-434-1996.

- Surf fishing
- Short trails lead inland to a 100-foot-high waterfall
- The Kiln Trail leads to four historic limekilns constructed in the early 1880s
- The hamlet of Lucia, upcoast from Limekiln State Park, has food and lodging

VICENTE FLAT TRAIL: *E. side of Hwy. One, 3.9 mi. S. of Lucia.* Trail starts across Hwy. One from Kirk Creek Campground. Park at pull-outs along the highway; parking in Kirk Creek Campground is for campers only. A rigorous but scenic climb brings hikers to Vicente Flat, five miles from Hwy. One, where there are creek-side campsites. To explore inland trails, hikers can also drive east from Hwy. One for approximately seven miles on winding Nacimiento-Fergusson Rd., then turn north for four miles on unpaved Cone Peak Rd.

to a junction with the Vicente Flat Trail. Call: 831-385-5434.

- Vicente Flat Trail passes through grasslands and groves of oaks and redwoods to the top of Cone Peak

KIRK CREEK CAMPGROUND: *Off Hwy. One, 3.9 mi. S. of Lucia.* There are 33 campsites for tents or RVs. Campsites can be reserved; see: www.recreation.gov. For campground information, call: 805-434-1996. Campground host is on site. A rough path leads from the south end of the campground down the hundred-foot-high bluff to a narrow beach. Campers at Kirk Creek may also use U.S. Forest Service-managed Sand Dollar Beach and Pfeiffer Beach with no additional charge.

- Surf fishing

MILL CREEK PICNIC AREA: *W. of Hwy. One, 4.5 mi. S. of Lucia.* A handful of picnic tables with barbecue grills overlook the ocean; a steep path leads to the largely rocky shore.



Rocky shore, Mill Creek Picnic Area





Monterey County

Big Sur South

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Blufftop Paths	•	•	•							•									
Sand Dollar Beach	•		•						•	•		•				•	•	•	
Plaskett Creek Campground			•	•						•						•	•	•	
Jade Cove		•	•																
Willow Creek Picnic Area	•	•								•		•				•	•		
Treebones Resort				•												•	•	•	•
Shale Point		•															•		
Cruickshank Trail			•	•						•							•		
Salmon Creek Trail			•	•						•							•		

Keep in Mind

Visitor services on the southern Big Sur coast are limited. Food, gasoline, and lodging are available at Gorda Springs Resort.

BLUFFTOP PATHS: *W. of Hwy. One, 6.9 mi. S. of Lucia.* Trails, including one opposite the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Valley Station, lead to the bluff edge, part of Los Padres National Forest. Look along the shoulder of Hwy. One for stiles that cross the roadside fence; several are clustered between one and two miles north of Sand Dollar Beach, and another is located one-quarter-mile south of Sand Dollar Beach.

SAND DOLLAR BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 11 mi. S. of Lucia.* The longest accessible sandy beach on the Big Sur coast. Picnic area is on the bluff; a steep trail leads down to the shore. The surf can be rough; no lifeguard on duty. Part of Los Padres National Forest. For information, call: 805-434-1996.

- Surfing
- Surf fishing
- Hang glider landing area (launch site is in the mountains above)

PLASKETT CREEK CAMPGROUND: *E. side of Hwy. One, 11.7 mi. S. of Lucia.* The campground has 44 campsites with



Willow Creek Picnic Area

picnic tables, fire rings, and barbecue grills; hike or bike sites and group campsites available. Restrooms have running water. Open all year. For reservations, see: www.recreation.gov. For campground information, call: 805-434-1996.

JADE COVE: *W. of Hwy. One, .5 mi. S. of Sand Dollar Beach.* Park along the shoulder of Hwy. One, near the Los Padres National Forest sign; a steep trail leads down the cliff face.

- Pebbles of jadeite and nephrite may be spotted in the surf zone; no collecting allowed above the mean high tide line

WILLOW CREEK PICNIC AREA: *W. of Hwy. One, 2.2 mi. S. of Sand Dollar Beach.* Viewing area is just south of the Willow Creek Bridge; steep road leads down to picnic area.

TREEBONES RESORT: *E. of Hwy. One, off Willow Creek Rd., .9 mi. N. of Gorda.* Privately

operated resort offers five walk-in tent campsites, as well as furnished yurts, a heated swimming pool, and store; call: 877-424-4787.

SHALE POINT: *W. side of Hwy. One, 2.5 mi. S. of Gorda.* Highway pull-out with views; an old road leads to a rocky beach.

CRUICKSHANK TRAIL: *E. side of Hwy. One, 3.6 mi. S. of Gorda.* The trailhead sign is easy to miss; parking pull-outs are nearby.

- Back-country campsites can be reached via the trail

SALMON CREEK TRAIL: *E. side of Hwy. One, 8 mi. S. of Gorda.* Trail starts at a sharp curve on Hwy. One at milepost 2.2.

- Cascades of water tumble down the stream course, bordered by ferns, alders, and California bay laurel trees

- Access to back-country campsites

Go Horseback Riding



Salinas River State Beach, Monterey County

ALONG THE SHORE of Monterey Bay, horseback riders follow a seemingly endless stretch of sand flanked by powerful surf on one side and high dunes on the other. Salinas River State Beach is a popular starting point; the parking area at the end of Monterey Dunes Way, off Molera Rd., has a large paved area suitable for horse trailers. Stay on the beach trail through the dunes, then head up or downcoast. Farther north along Monterey Bay, equestrians are welcome at Moss Landing State Beach and also at Zmudowski State Beach (ride on the wet sand only).

On the Monterey Peninsula, equestrians have access to the 30-mile network of Del Monte Forest Hiking and Equestrian Trails that lead through native Monterey pine forest. Ask for a trail map at the entrance to 17-Mile Drive or at the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center on Portola Rd. near Stevenson Drive. Trail rides and lessons are available to the public; fee applies. For information, call: 831-624-2756.

On the Big Sur coast, guided horseback rides to the beach through groves of western sycamore and redwood trees are available at Andrew Molera State Park. For information from Molera Horseback Tours, call: 831-625-5486. Inland from the coast, Los

Padres National Forest includes trails into the backcountry that are open to equestrians as well as hikers. Many trails are steep and narrow; for information on the best locations for horseback riding, call: 831-385-5434.

In Del Norte County's state and national parks, certain trails are designated for use by equestrians as well as hikers. The Mill Creek Horse Trail starts at the Mill Creek day-use area of Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park and leads into the adjacent Redwood National Park. Farther south in the national park in Humboldt County, the Little Bald Hills Trail leads to an equestrian camp with a corral and horse trough.

In Point Reyes National Seashore in Marin County, horseback riding is permitted on most beaches and established trails. Ask at the Bear Valley visitor center for a trail map, or call: 415-464-5100. Adjacent to the visitor center is a Morgan horse ranch with self-guided exhibits, corrals, and demonstrations. Morgan horses are used by National Park Service rangers on backcountry trails in the national seashore.

In the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area that spans Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, many trails are open

to equestrians. For information, inquire at the King Gillette Ranch visitor center, or call: 805-370-2301. At Corral Canyon Park, along Pacific Coast Hwy. in Malibu, there is horse trailer parking and access to the Corral Canyon Trail leading into the Santa Monica Mountains. Trails into the Solstice Canyon and Rocky Oaks units of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area are also open to equestrians, as are trails in the adjoining Malibu Creek State Park. Parts of the Backbone Trail that runs much of the length of the Santa Monica Mountains are designated for use by equestrians.

Coastal state parks that include campgrounds designed for equestrian use include Mount Tamalpais State Park and Samuel P. Taylor State Park in Marin County. In Santa Cruz County, Big Basin Redwoods State Park and Wilder Ranch State Park include horse camps and trails designated for equestrian use. At San Luis Obispo County's Montaña de Oro State Park there is an equestrian camp and some 50 miles of trails to explore. Within the city of Los Angeles, Topanga State Park includes equestrian trails and camps. At the adjoining Will Rogers State Historic Park, former home of cowboy humorist Will Rogers, guided trail rides and horseback riding lessons are available to the public. Polo matches take place on the spacious grounds on weekends from April through October.

Private vendors in or adjacent to some coastal parks provide horse rentals, stabling, lessons, and trail rides. Ricochet Ridge

Ranch, opposite MacKerricher State Park in Mendocino County, offers rides along nearby Ten Mile Beach or through redwood forest. For information, call: 707-964-7669. In Marin County, Five Brooks Ranch, located at the Five Brooks Trailhead in Point Reyes National Seashore, offers guided trail rides, lessons, and parties, as well as access to miles of trails in the Point Reyes National Seashore; call: 415-663-1570. In San Mateo County near the Coastside Trail and Rancho Corral de Tierra are several vendors that offer stabling, horseback rides, and instruction.



Five Brooks Trailhead, Point Reyes National Seashore



Five Brooks Stable, Point Reyes National Seashore, Marin County



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Old San Simeon

William R. Hearst
Memorial Beach

Hearst San Simeon SP

Cambria

Harmony

Harmony Headlands SP

Pt. Estero

Estero Bluffs SP

Cayucos SB

Morro Strand SB

Estero Bay

Morro Bay SP

Morro Bay

Montaña de Oro SP

Pt. Buchon

Whale Rock
Res

Cayucos

Atascadero

Los Padres
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Morro Bay

Santa Margarita

Santa Margarita
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Los Padres
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San Luis Obispo

Avila
Beach

Lopez L

Pt. San Luis

Pismo Beach

Grover Beach

Pismo SB

San Luis Obispo

Bay

Oceano Dunes
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Double-crested cormorants, Morro Bay State Park

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

A COLLECTION of small seaside towns dot the rugged coast of San Luis Obispo County. Cambria features antique shops and dark-sand pocket beaches, while Cayucos and Avila Beach have the informal charm of traditional beach communities, centered on their fishing piers. The municipality of Morro Bay is of modest size, but the town has made huge efforts to assure public access to its waterfront. Pismo Beach has an old-time, pier-town feel, and the enormously long sweep of sand fronting the community, along with neighboring Oceano, hosts a wide range of beach activities.

Look for wildlife

The Morro Bay Estuary is the Central Coast's most extensive wetland complex. In winter, the estuary teems with birds of many species. Particularly common are migratory waterfowl such as pintails, green-winged teals, lesser scaups, wigeons, ruddy ducks, and buffleheads. Shorebirds are abundant along the margins of the Morro Bay Estuary, and species

such as marbled godwits, willets, and sandpipers number in the thousands. Other shorebirds seen here are curlews, dunlins, dowitchers, and sanderlings. Terns, pelicans, grebes, and loons are also winter visitors. Wading birds—herons and egrets—inhabit the area year round. In springtime, double-crested cormorants, great egrets, and great blue herons nest, and are easily visible and audible, in a eucalyptus grove just north of the Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History.

At the east end of Santa Lucia Ave., north of 4th St. in Baywood Park, an overlook maintained by the Morro Coast Audubon Society provides a good view of the Morro Bay Estuary. Nearby, at the El Moro Elfin Forest, the Small Wilderness Area Preservation organization leads guided nature walks on the third Saturday of the month. Walks begin at 9:30 AM and start at the north end of 15th St.; for recorded information, call: 805-528-0392. Good views of the Morro Bay Estuary are also available at the Sweet Springs Nature Preserve in Cuesta-by-the-Sea.



Paddleboarding, Port San Luis

In Shell Beach, pigeon guillemots nest on offshore rocks near the community's **Margo Dodd City Park**. The rocks are much closer to the mainland than many other rocks along the California coast on which seabirds nest. During breeding season, pigeon guillemots bear plumage that is black with white wing patches, while their feet and legs are brilliant red-orange.

Monarch butterflies can be spotted at several sites in San Luis Obispo County in groves of eucalyptus or other trees where the insects typically spend the winter. Locations include **Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground**, a eucalyptus grove off **Monarch Lane** in *Cuesta-by-the-Sea*, and groves in **Hearst San Simeon State Park**.

Paddle on a bay

Much of the Morro Bay Estuary has been designated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as the "Morro Bay State Marine Recreational Management Area." That title refers to a type of marine protected area, one which promotes both recreational opportunities and natural resource values, with which the Morro Bay Estuary is amply supplied. The calm waters of the estuary, sheltered by the dramatic **Morro Rock** and the sandspit, make the estuary a great spot for kayaking and paddleboarding. There is plenty of wildlife to look for, including perhaps a group of southern sea otters rafting on their backs in the water.

Numerous vendors along **Embarcadero Road** offer instruction, tours, and equipment for sale or rental, including **Kayak Horizons** (805-772-6444), **Rock Kayak** (805-772-2906), **Sub Sea Tours** (805-772-9463), and **Central Coast Standup Paddling** (805-395-0410).

At San Luis Bay, in the lee of Point San Luis, conditions are often favorable for paddle sports. Equipment, tours, and instruction are available from vendors near **Harford Pier**, including **Avila Beach Paddlesports** (805-704-6902).

Drive on a beach

One of the state's few oceanfront recreation areas designated for use by off-road vehicles is **Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area** at Oceano. Visitors enjoy day use on the sand with an all-terrain vehicle, dune buggy, or motorcycle, while perhaps camping at nearby **Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground** or **Oceano Campground**. Or camp on the beach itself or among the dunes where permitted; there are no designated campsites. Street-legal vehicles can be driven on the sand; four-wheel drive is recommended. Beach towing service is available if needed, and off-road vehicles can be rented locally.

Learn about lifeguarding

The junior lifeguard program at **Cayucos State Beach** provides young people from 10 to 16 years of age with a preview of

beach lifeguarding. Participants, who must be strong swimmers in order to qualify, work with instructors trained by the U.S. Lifesaving Association. Junior lifeguards learn ocean rescue techniques, teamwork, and leadership skills and have the opportunity to enhance swimming skills and endurance. The program also provides an opportunity to learn about the ocean environment. For younger children, ages 7 to 11, an introductory "Discover Junior Lifeguards" program is available. Week-long programs are offered during mid-summer months by the San Luis Obispo County Parks Department; call: 805-781-5930. Junior lifeguard programs in other San Luis Obispo County communities include those offered by the Morro Bay Recreation and Parks Department (805-772-6281) and the city of Pismo Beach (805-773-7069), as well as a program at Avila Beach (www.avilabeachjuniorlifeguards.org).

Other attractions

The community of Cambria observes the Fourth of July with old-fashioned fireworks, relay races, and entertainment at **Shamel County Park**. Cambria's annual Art and Wine Festival, held in mid-winter, is highly popular; for information, call: 805-927-3624. At Cayucos, the Fourth of July is celebrated with traditional events that include a parade, barbecue, evening

fireworks show, and sand sculpture contest. Near Cayucos, the Abalone Farm mariculture operation raises abalone for restaurants and home cooks; call: 805-995-2495.

At **Grover Beach**, within Pismo State Beach, is a nine-hole, three-par golf course with putting and pitching green, located at 25 W. Grand Avenue. The course is open daily from sunrise to sunset, on a first-come, first-served basis. Greens fees are modest; for information, call: 805-481-5215. At Pismo Beach next to the **Pismo Beach Pier**, a farmers market offering fresh produce and hand-made items takes place on Wednesdays, from 3 to 7 PM, year round.

The breakers rolling in off Estero Bay north of **Morro Rock** make the area a popular surf spot. An event known as the "Big, Bad and Ugly" Surf and Turf, held annually in late winter by the Estero Bay Surf Club, involves a mix of longboard surfing near Morro Rock and golf competition at a nearby course. Morro Rock also provides a backdrop for the annual Morro Bay Kite Festival. The family-oriented event features masses of kites of all description bobbing in the spring-time breezes; see: morrobaykitefestival.org. Also during breezy spring months, kitesurfers gather off **Pismo Beach** for the "KiteXPO" sponsored by XtremeBigAir.com and *The Kiteboarder* magazine; see xtremebigair.com.



Farmers market near Pismo Beach Pier



Elephant seal viewing area near Point Piedras Blancas

San Luis Obispo County

Ragged Point to Hearst Castle

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Ragged Point Trail and Overlook	•	•	•							•						•	•	•	
San Carpoforo Creek Beach	•		•														•		
Arroyo de la Cruz Beach	•	•	•														•		
Old Piedras Blancas Motel		•															•	•	
Elephant Seal Viewing Area							•					•	•				•		
Vista Points	•	•						•									•		
Oak Knoll Creek Beach	•		•														•		
Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument											•	•	•			•	•	•	•



Hearst San Simeon State Historical Monument

RAGGED POINT TRAIL AND OVERLOOK: *W. of Hwy. One, 15 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* The Ragged Point Inn sits on a high terrace. Extremely steep trail switchbacks down the north face of the bluff. Privately managed site; for information, call: 805-927-4502.

■ Great views from the property, situated 300 feet above sea level

SAN CARPOFORO CREEK BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 13.1 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* Pull-out on north side of the creek; dirt path leads to the beach. Part of Hearst San Simeon State Park.

ARROYO DE LA CRUZ BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One, 9.9 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* Small pull-out and an opening in the fence; dirt path to shoreline.

OLD PIEDRAS BLANCAS MOTEL: *W. of Hwy. One, 7.3 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* The motel is closed, but there are informal paths to the bluff edge.

■ Piedras Blancas Light Station nearby is accessible only by guided tour (fee applies); for recorded information, call: 805-927-7361

ELEPHANT SEAL VIEWING AREA: *Off Hwy. One, 4.7 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* Elephant seals are on shore near Point Piedras Blancas nearly year round. Volunteer docents are at the site to answer questions, 10 AM–4 PM daily, except during September. The nonprofit group Friends of the Elephant Seal maintains a visitor center at the Plaza del Cavalier in San Simeon; call: 805-924-1628.

VISTA POINTS: *Along Hwy. One, 5 mi. and 3.5 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* Overlooks with views of beaches and rocky shore; no facilities.

OAK KNOLL CREEK BEACH: *Off Hwy. One, 2.2 mi. N. of Old San Simeon.* Wide dirt pull-out; short path to sandy beach.

Do not approach elephant seals that may come ashore.

■ Popular with windsurfers and kitesurfers

HEARST SAN SIMEON STATE HISTORICAL MONUMENT: *E. of Hwy. One on Hearst Castle Rd., Old San Simeon.* Formerly William R. Hearst's private estate; now open to the public as a State Historical Monument. Tours start at the Hearst Castle Visitor Center near Hwy. One.

The visitor center has exhibits, a gift shop, food service, and the Hearst Castle Theater, where films about Hearst Castle screen almost continuously. Visitors to the Castle travel by bus up the hill, and all tours involve a half-mile walk and considerable stair climbing. For tour information and reservations, call: 1-800-444-4445; fee for tours. Visitors with special needs, call: 866-712-2286.



Moonstone Boardwalk

San Luis Obispo County

Old San Simeon to Moonstone Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
William R. Hearst Memorial Beach	•						•		•				•	•		•	•		
Coastal Discovery Center										•		•	•			•	•		
Vista Points		•														•			
Stairway to Beach	•															•			
Path to Beach	•															•			
San Simeon Creek Access	•		•													•	•		
Hearst San Simeon State Park	•	•	•		•			•				•	•			•	•	•	
Vista Point	•															•			
Leffingwell Landing	•	•	•				•	•				•	•			•	•		
Moonstone Boardwalk	•	•	•							•		•	•			•			

WILLIAM R. HEARST MEMORIAL BEACH: *W. of Hwy. One on San Simeon Rd., Old San Simeon.* Sheltered beach with 1,000-foot-long fishing pier. For information, call: 805-927-2020.

- Swimming beach
- Picnic area

COASTAL DISCOVERY CENTER: *At William R. Hearst Memorial Beach parking area.* Exhibits and programs about the connection between land and sea, a joint venture between the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and California State Parks. Open generally Fri.–Sun., 11 AM–5 PM with shorter winter hours. For holiday hours and further information, call: 805-927-6575.

VISTA POINTS: *Along Hwy. One, .7, 1.8, and 2.4 mi. S. of Old San Simeon.* Three pull-outs are on the seaward side of Hwy. One.

- Views of rocky shoreline

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *W. end of Pico Ave., San Simeon Acres.* On-street parking is in the cul-de-sac on Pico Avenue. Stairs lead to sand and cobble beach; a separate path leads south along the blufftop to San Simeon Avenue.

PATH TO BEACH: *End of San Simeon Ave., San Simeon Acres.* Path is at the mouth of Arroyo del Padre Juan Creek, on the south side of the Cavalier resort. On-street parking.



Hearst San Simeon State Park

SAN SIMEON CREEK ACCESS: *W. of Hwy. One at Simeon Creek, 2 mi. N. of Cambria.* Long sandy beach, part of Hearst San Simeon State Park. More parking and restrooms are at the Washburn Day-Use Area, reached via a path under Hwy. One.

- Picnic tables are on the bluff

HEARST SAN SIMEON STATE PARK: *Main entrance E. of Hwy. One, 2 mi. N. of Cambria.* The park, formerly known simply as San Simeon State Park, includes the coast from northern San Luis Obispo County to Cambria. San Simeon Creek Campground and Washburn Primitive campground are inland of Hwy. One at San Simeon Creek; some sites are wheelchair accessible. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. Dogs are allowed in campgrounds if on leash or in tent or

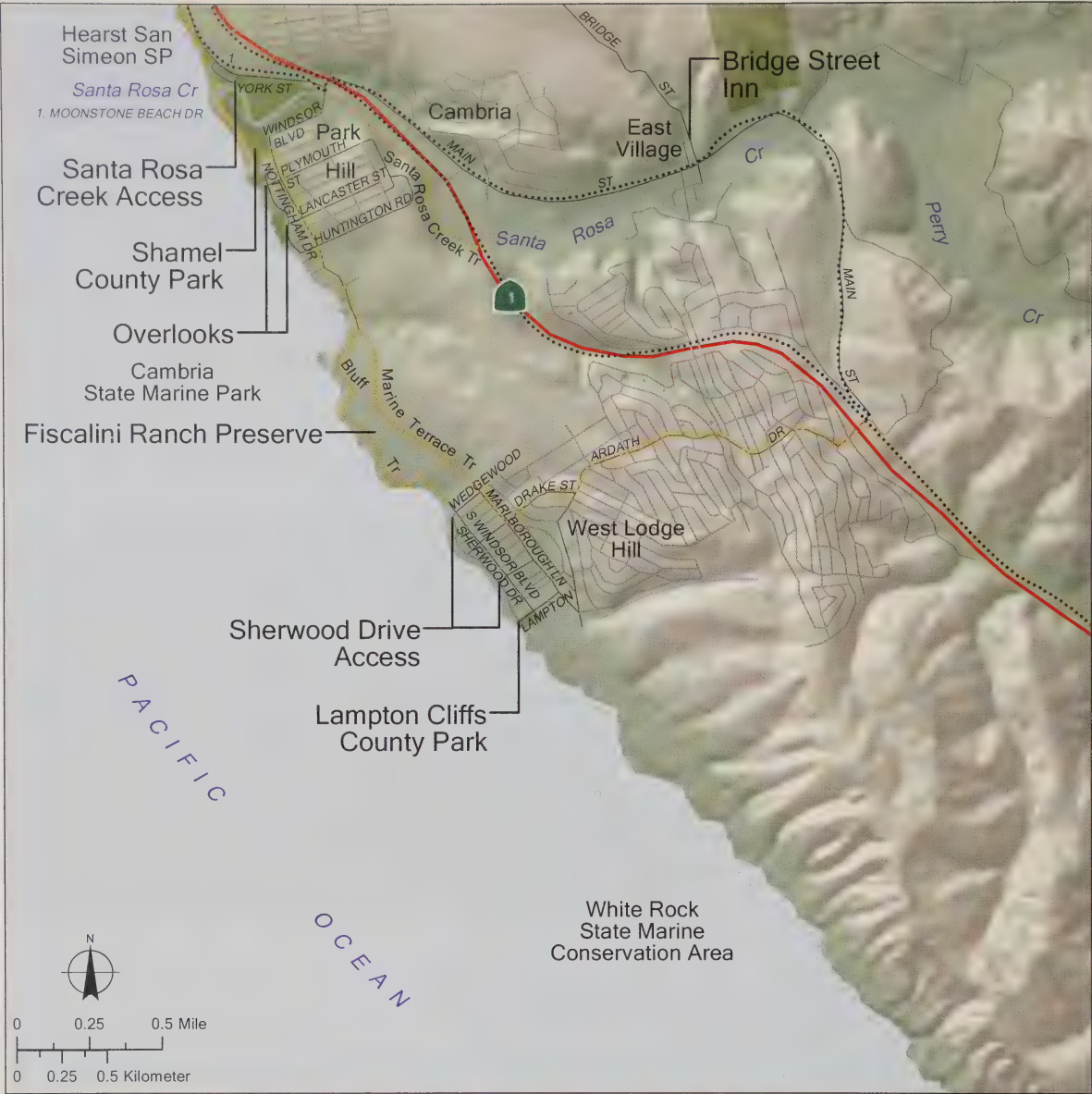
vehicle; dogs not permitted on trails or the beach. For park information, call: 805-927-2020.

VISTA POINT: *N. end of Moonstone Beach Dr., off Hwy. One, Cambria.* Parking area; a path leads north 300 yards to beach stairs.

LEFFINGWELL LANDING: *Moonstone Beach Dr., .2 mi. S. of intersection with Hwy. One, Cambria.* Day-use unit of Hearst San Simeon State Park with a pocket beach and picnic area.

- Sheltered kayak launch spot

MOONSTONE BOARDWALK: *From Leffingwell Landing to Santa Rosa Beach, Cambria.* Wheelchair-accessible boardwalk, one mile long; stairs lead to the beach. Shoulder parking along Moonstone Beach Drive. Leashed dogs allowed on boardwalk.



Santa Rosa Creek Access



San Luis Obispo County

Cambria Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Santa Rosa Creek Access	•	•						•					•	•			•	•	
Shamel County Park	•									•			•	•			•	•	
Overlooks		•																•	
Bridge Street Inn											•					•	•	•	•
Fiscalini Ranch Preserve	•	•	•	•						•			•	•				•	
Sherwood Drive Access	•	•																•	
Lampton Cliffs County Park		•																•	

SANTA ROSA CREEK ACCESS:
W. of Hwy. One, near S. end of Moonstone Beach Dr., Cambria.
At the mouth of Santa Rosa Creek is a parking area overlooking a wide sandy beach strewn with driftwood. A dirt path leads north and connects to the wheelchair-accessible Moonstone Boardwalk. Part of Hearst San Simeon State Park; for information, call: 805-927-2020.

- Surfing
- Bodyboarding

SHAMEL COUNTY PARK:
Windsor Blvd. at Nottingham Dr., Cambria. A neighborhood park with beach access. Two stairways and a ramp lead to the sand. Park along Windsor Boulevard.

- Picnic areas
- Swimming pool

OVERLOOKS: *W. of Nottingham Dr. at Plymouth and Lancaster streets, Cambria.* Views of rocky shoreline; on-street parking.

BRIDGE STREET INN: 4314 Bridge St., Cambria. Hostelling International facility is housed in a century-old house, a mile from Moonstone Beach. Private and shared rooms; shared kitchen, garden, and barbecue. Call: 805-927-7653, from 8:30-10:30 AM or 5:00-9:00 PM.

FISCALINI RANCH PRESERVE:
Seaward of Hwy. One, between the Park Hill and West Lodge Hill neighborhoods of Cambria. Oceanfront open space and recreation area; approach from the north via Windsor Blvd. or from the south via South Windsor Boulevard. A mile-long bluff-top boardwalk and path connects the two ends of Windsor Boulevard. The separate Marine Terrace Trail also parallels the coast, starting at Marlborough Ln. near Wedgewood Street. Other trails lead inland, up the ridge to a native stand of Monterey pine trees. Dogs must

be under careful control at all times. Call: 805-927-6223.

- Bluff trail is for hiking and wheelchair use
- Other trails are for bicycles too, as signed

SHERWOOD DRIVE ACCESS:
W. of Sherwood Dr. at the ends of Wedgewood and Harvey streets, Cambria. Beach access via short paths or stairs in a residential neighborhood. Limited on-street parking is available.

- Coarse sand and pebble beaches
- Abundant tidepools

LAMPTON CLIFFS COUNTY PARK: *Sherwood Dr. at Lampton St., Cambria.* A small county park is at the south end of Sherwood Drive. Benches, paths, and stairs to the rocky reef. Off-street parking is at the end of Windsor Boulevard. Call: 805-781-5930.



Lampton Cliffs County Park



Morro Strand State Beach (North)

San Luis Obispo County
Harmony Headlands to
Morro Strand

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Harmony Headlands State Park		•	•														•	•	
Estero Bluffs State Park	•	•	•															•	
Cayucos State Beach	•					•				•			•	•			•	•	•
Cayucos Beach	•									•							•	•	
Morro Strand State Beach (North)	•																•	•	
North Point Natural Area	•	•																•	
Morro Strand State Beach Campground	•				•							•	•				•	•	•
Morro Strand State Beach (South)	•	•											•	•			•	•	

HARMONY HEADLANDS STATE PARK: *Off Hwy. One, 5.6 mi. N. of Cayucos.* Open space park; a trail leads to the shoreline. Call: 805-772-7434.

ESTERO BLUFFS STATE PARK: *From Villa Creek to N. Ocean Ave., Cayucos.* Six parking areas are spaced from about one-and-a-half to three-and-a-half miles north of Cayucos along Hwy. One. Blufftop trails lead through grasslands to beaches and rocky shore. Certain marked trails (but not beaches) are open to leashed dogs. Some beaches are closed entirely during spring-and-summer nesting season of endangered snowy plovers.

CAYUCOS STATE BEACH: *Foot of Cayucos Dr., Cayucos.* Wide sandy beach with adjacent picnic facilities. Parking is along Ocean Front Ave. and north of the pier. Lifeguards are on the beach during summer months; ask about a beach wheelchair. Call: 805-781-5930.

- Swimming
- Bodyboarding
- Wooden fishing pier is night-lit and wheelchair accessible

CAYUCOS BEACH: *Along Pacific Ave. between 1st and 22nd streets, Cayucos.* Nine beach access stairways are along Pacific Ave., all marked "public." Private property adjoins; do not trespass.

MORRO STRAND STATE BEACH (NORTH): *Along Studio Dr., S. of 24th St., Cayucos.* Take the 24th St. exit off Hwy. One and



Cayucos State Beach

bear left to paved parking and picnic area; wide sandy beach adjoins. Another parking area (unpaved) is at the north end of Studio Drive. Farther south along Studio Dr. are nine signed paths to the beach between houses. Opposite Toro Creek Rd. is informal beach access; dogs OK on leash. Call: 805-772-2560.

NORTH POINT NATURAL AREA: *N. end of Toro Ln., W. of Hwy. One, Morro Bay.* Parking area with steps to a sandy beach with rocky outcroppings. Call: 805-772-6278.

MORRO STRAND STATE BEACH CAMPGROUND: *End of Yerba Buena St., W. of Hwy. One, Morro Bay.* Picnic area at the entrance. The campground has 104 sites for RVs or trailers up to 24 feet in length; no hookups. Campsites can be reserved from

Memorial Day to Labor Day; first-come, first-served during the remainder of the year. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

MORRO STRAND STATE BEACH (SOUTH): *Ends of Azure St. and Atascadero Rd., W. of Hwy. One, Morro Bay.* Take the San Jacinto St. exit off Hwy. One, turn left on Coral Ave., then right on Azure Street. Sandy beach is adjacent, and a paved path leads south past landscaped Cloisters Park. Additional day-use parking is at the end of Embarcadero Rd., off Atascadero Rd.; no restrooms at that location. For information, call: 805-772-2560.

- Windsurfing
- Kite flying
- Morro Dunes Campground, 1700 Embarcadero Rd., accommodates RVs, trailers, and tent campers; call: 805-772-2722



Morro Bay

San Luis Obispo County

Morro Bay

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Morro Rock		•				•		•	•	•		•	•			•	•		
Boardwalk and Bike Path	•		•	•			•	•		•		•	•			•	•	•	
City T-Piers							•		•			•	•			•	•	•	
Embarcadero Road							•		•			•	•			•	•	•	
Morro Bay Estuary Nature Center											•		•	•			•		
Tidelands Park							•		•	•		•	•				•	•	
Bayshore Bluffs Park										•		•	•				•	•	
Morro Bay State Park	•		•		•		•	•				•	•			•	•	•	•

MORRO ROCK: *W. end of Coleman Dr., Morro Bay.* Morro Rock, a spectacular 581-foot-high volcanic plug, dominates the view. The rock is a nesting site for peregrine falcons and is off-limits to climbing. Wildlife viewing, sightseeing, and fishing at the base are permitted.

- Popular surf spot is north of Morro Rock

BOARDWALK AND BIKE PATH: *S. end of Morro Strand State Beach to Beach St., Morro Bay.* Waterfront promenade runs from west end of Coleman Dr. near Morro Rock to Beach Street. Coleman City Park has picnic tables overlooking the estuary.

- Kayak launch spot

CITY T-PIERS: *N.W. end of Embarcadero Rd., Morro Bay.* Two piers are used for commercial fishing. Restaurants and parking are near both piers; the North Pier also has bait and tackle, restrooms, and a public shower. For boating information, call the harbormaster: 805-772-6254.

EMBARCADERO ROAD: *Along the waterfront, W. of downtown Morro Bay.* There are shops, restaurants, and boating services with access to the bay at street ends along Embarcadero Road.

- Surf shops and recreational equipment vendors
- Kayaks, electric boats, and bicycles for rent
- Deep-sea fishing trips and whale-watching excursions available



Morro Bay

- Morro Bay Aquarium, 595 Embarcadero Rd., has a small collection of marine animals on display

- Centennial Park located at Front St. and Embarcadero Rd. has picnic tables and a giant chessboard

MORRO BAY ESTUARY NATURE CENTER: *601 Embarcadero Rd., Suite 11, Morro Bay.* Displays about the estuary and a dramatic view of Morro Rock. Open daily, 10 AM–6 PM (shorter hours in winter); call: 805-772-3834. On-street parking.

TIDELANDS PARK: *S. end of Embarcadero Rd., Morro Bay.* City park with picnic area and a nautical-themed playground. Two-lane, no-fee boat ramp; parking fee applies for vehicles and trailers. Fish-cleaning station is near the ramp; coin-operated shower available. Call: 805-772-6278.

BAYSHORE BLUFFS PARK:

Bayshore Dr., Morro Bay. City park overlooks the estuary; picnic facilities and barbecue grills.

MORRO BAY STATE PARK:

S. end of Main St., Morro Bay. Campground includes 135 family campsites, some wheelchair accessible, for tents or RVs up to 35 feet long; group camping area and hike or bike campsites also available. Hot pay showers; RV dump station. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-772-2560.

- Trails overlook Morro Bay Estuary
- Double-crested cormorants, herons, and egrets nest in eucalyptus trees west of State Park Rd., from February to June
- Within the state park is an 18-hole golf course with pro shop and café; follow Black Hill Rd. to the summit



Overlook, end of 4th St., Baywood Park

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Morro Bay and Baywood Park

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Morro Bay State Park Museum of Natural History									•		•		•				•	•	•
Morro Bay State Park Marina							•										•	•	•
Cerro Cabrillo Day Use Area			•															•	
El Moro Elfin Forest			•					•		•		•	•					•	
Overlooks									•									•	
Baywood Park Beach	•						•											•	
Second Street Pier							•											•	
Sweet Springs Nature Preserve			•					•					•	•				•	
Morro Bay Access								•					•					•	

MORRO BAY STATE PARK

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:

State Park Rd. at White Point, Morro Bay. Interactive exhibits about the natural and cultural history of the Morro Bay area. Free entry for those 16 years of age and under. Open daily, 10 AM–5 PM, except major holidays. Operated in conjunction with the Central Coast Natural History Association; call: 805-772-2694.

- Native plant garden

MORRO BAY STATE PARK

MARINA: *State Park Rd., E. of White Point, Morro Bay.* Mooring space for sailboats and power craft.

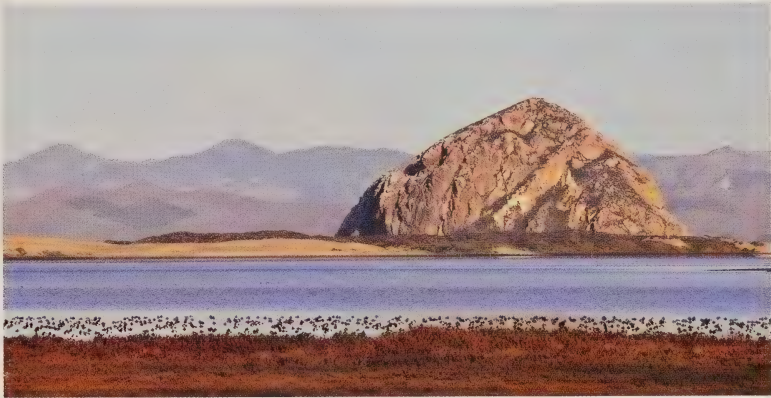
- Launch a canoe or kayak, or rent from the Kayak Shack; call: 805-772-8796
- Café on site

CERRO CABRILLO DAY USE

AREA: *Off South Bay Blvd., 1.2 mi. N. of Santa Ysabel Ave., Morro Bay.* Trails start at the Cerro Cabrillo Day Use Area and lead to the tops of Cerro Cabrillo and Park Ridge, two of the igneous mounds known as the “Nine Sisters,” similar to Morro Rock. A second trailhead with a very small parking area is located three-quarters of a mile north of Santa Ysabel Ave.; look carefully for the abrupt turnoff. Part of Morro Bay State Park.

- Rock-climbing

EL MORO ELFIN FOREST: *South Bay Blvd. and Santa Ysabel Ave.,*



Morro Bay Estuary from Sweet Springs Nature Preserve

BAYWOOD PARK. Enter the nature preserve from the northern ends of 11th through 17th streets; main entrance and wheelchair access to boardwalk loop is at 16th Street. The property includes a forest of diminutive oak trees on slopes overlooking the Morro Bay Estuary.

- Pick up a trail guide at the entrance; plant specimens are numbered

OVERLOOKS: *Santa Lucia Ave., between Pasadena Dr. and 4th St., Baywood Park.* View the estuary from several pocket overlooks, one at 600 Santa Lucia Ave. and another 50 yards south on Pasadena Drive. An overlook is at the north end of 3rd St., and another is at the north end of 4th St., east of Santa Lucia Avenue.

BAYWOOD PARK BEACH: *W. side of Pasadena Dr., Baywood Park.* Small bay beach; benches overlook the water.

SECOND STREET PIER:

S. end of Second St., Baywood Park. A short T-pier over shallow water provides views of the Morro Bay Estuary.

- Small boat launch

SWEET SPRINGS NATURE

PRESERVE: *Ramona Ave. W. of 4th St., Baywood Park.* A quarter-mile-long boardwalk leads through a grove of trees to a spot looking out over the estuary. Abundant bird life includes shorebirds, ducks, brant, scaup, wigeon, and snowy egret. The trees harbor overwintering monarch butterflies. Managed by the Morro Coast Audubon Society.

MORRO BAY ACCESS: *Mitchell Dr. and Doris Ave., Cuesta-by-the-Sea.* A path between bayfront homes leads to a bay viewpoint. Off-street parking space reserved for wheelchair access; other visitors should park on the street.

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Morro Bay and Montaña de Oro State Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Morro Dunes Natural Preserve	•		•						•										
Monarch Lane			•						•								•		
Los Osos Oaks State Natural Reserve			•						•								•		
Montaña de Oro State Park	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•				•	•		
Point Buchon Trail		•	•						•									•	

MORRO DUNES NATURAL PRESERVE: *W. of Morro Bay Estuary.* The Morro Bay sandspit is part of Montaña de Oro State Park. No vehicles allowed; park in the first lot off Pecho Valley Rd. after entering Montaña de Oro State Park and hike north.

- Look for pink sand verbena and yellow coast fiddleneck blooming among the dunes

MONARCH LANE: *Off Pecho Valley Rd., Cuesta-by-the-Sea.* Monarch butterflies over-winter in a eucalyptus grove at the west end of Monarch Lane. Informal paths lead to part of Montaña de Oro State Park.

LOS OSOS OAKS STATE NATURAL RESERVE: *Los Osos Valley Rd., .6 mi. E. of South Bay Blvd., Los Osos.* Trails lead through lichen-draped oak trees, some centuries old yet dwarfed from growing on the ancient sand dune. Call: 805-772-7434.

MONTAÑA DE ORO STATE PARK: *S. end of Pecho Valley Rd., Los Osos.* One of California's largest state parks, with seven miles of coastline. There are more than 50 miles of hiking trails, some along the shoreline and some inland. Certain marked trails are open to equestrians and mountain bikers. A historic farmhouse at Spooner's Cove serves as the park visitor center, staffed by volunteers. The campground at Spooner's Cove includes 50 campsites for tents, trailers, or RVs up to 27 feet in length; some sites are wheelchair accessible. No shower facilities. Dogs allowed in the campground, but not

on trails or beaches except for Spooner's Cove Beach. Fee applies for camping. Near the state park entrance, the Hazard Canyon horse camp includes two group campsites and three individual campsites with corrals and horse trailer parking; from Pecho Valley Rd., turn east just after entering the park. Seven walk-in environmental campsites are reached by trails that start one-tenth and seven-tenths of a mile short of the southern end of Pecho Valley Road. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-528-0513.

- Golden yellow wildflowers give the park its name
- Numerous small cove beaches are separated by rocky promontories

▪ Horse rentals are available outside the park

POINT BUCHON TRAIL: *S. of Montaña de Oro State Park.* The trail starts at the Coon Creek parking area at Montaña de Oro State Park and extends about three and a half miles onto Pacific Gas and Electric Co. property. Trail is open Thurs.–Mon., 8 AM–5 PM, April through October, and 8 AM–4 PM the rest of the year. Hikers must sign in but do not need to be accompanied by docents. The daily number of hikers is limited, and reservations are recommended; see: www.pge.modwest.com/pgereservations.



Spooner's Cove, Montaña de Oro State Park



Avila Beach

San Luis Obispo County

Avila Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pecho Coast Trail		•																	
Point San Luis Lighthouse		•									•								
Harford Pier						•	•	•					•	•		•	•	•	
Port San Luis		•		•		•	•	•				•				•	•	•	•
Olde Port Beach	•					•				•			•			•	•		
Central Coast Aquarium							•				•		•	•			•	•	•
Avila Beach	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•			•	•		•	•	•	
Cave Landing Road Access	•	•															•		
Bob Jones City-to-the-Sea Bikeway		•	•														•		

PECHO COAST TRAIL: *Diablo Canyon Dr. at Avila Beach Dr., N.W. of Pt. San Luis.* Docent-led hikes go to the Point San Luis Lighthouse or sometimes beyond. Reservations required; call: 805-541-8735.

POINT SAN LUIS LIGHTHOUSE: *Pecho Coast Trail, Pt. San Luis.* Docent-led hikes (three-and-a-half-mile roundtrip) start from the Diablo Canyon Power Plant entrance. Reservations essential; call: 805-541-8735. For tours by trolley, call: 805-540-5771.

HARFORD PIER: *End of Avila Beach Dr., Port San Luis.* The 1,340-foot-long drive-on pier has public fishing, fish for sale, and restaurants. No license required for fishing from the pier, although catch restrictions apply. Pier is wheelchair accessible, but wooden planks are bumpy.

- For Zodiac boat tours, call: 805-703-0397
- Fishing gear and licenses available
- Barking sea lions gather near the pier

PORT SAN LUIS: *End of Avila Beach Dr., W. of Avila Beach.* The harbor has approximately 175 private moorings. Guest moorings also available; contact the Harbor patrol or call: 805-595-5400. For water taxi service, call: 805-305-4796. Services include boat hoist, diesel fuel and ice sales, boat repairs, pumpout facility, and trailered boat storage.



Olde Port Beach

- RV camping (first-come, first-served) on the bluff east of Harford Pier; see signs for payment instructions or visit www.portsanluis.com
- Paddleboard rentals and tours; call: 805-704-6902

OLDE PORT BEACH: *Off Avila Beach Dr., Port San Luis.* Driving onto the wide beach to load or unload boats is allowed; no parking on the sand. Four-wheel-drive vehicles recommended. Wheelchair-accessible ramp available. Call: 805-595-5400.

- Kayaking
- Paddleboarding

CENTRAL COAST AQUARIUM: *50 San Juan St., Avila Beach.* Interactive exhibits and outdoor activities. During the summer, open Tues.–Sun., 10 AM–5 PM, and during the winter, weekends only, 11 AM–4 PM. Call: 805-595-7280.

- Avila Beach Community Park has basketball courts and a pirate-ship play structure

AVILA BEACH: *S. of Front St., Avila Beach.* Wide beach with life-guard towers staffed seasonally. Dogs allowed on Avila Beach only before 10 AM or after 5 PM. For beach wheelchair, call: 805-305-4796.

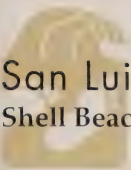
- Swimming
- Beach volleyball
- Avila Pier fishing; no license required, although catch limits apply

CAVE LANDING ROAD ACCESS: *End of Cave Landing Rd., Avila Beach.* Blufftop path extends to Bluff Dr. in Shell Beach; improvements planned as part of California Coastal Trail. Trail from east side of parking area leads down to clothing-optional Pirates Cove Beach.

BOB JONES CITY-TO-THE-SEA BIKEWAY: *From Ontario Rd. parking lot to Avila Beach.* A mile-and-a-half-long paved path follows San Luis Obispo Creek.



Blufftop path, Cliffs Resort



San Luis Obispo County

Shell Beach to Pismo Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
South Palisades City Park	•	•	•					•		•							•		
Stairway at Cliffs Resort	•	•	•														•		
Spyglass City Park	•	•								•	•		•				•	•	
Memory Park		•								•			•				•		
Ocean Eldwayen City Park	•	•					•			•			•				•		
Margo Dodd City Park	•	•						•		•							•		
Dinosaur Caves Park			•							•	•		•	•			•	•	
Stairway at Shelter Cove Lodge	•	•	•									•					•	•	
Stairway at Sea Crest Hotel	•	•	•															•	

SOUTH PALISADES CITY PARK: *W. of Shell Beach Rd., N. of Silver Shoals Dr., Shell Beach.* Turn on Hermosa Dr. to Florin St. to reach a picnic area. At the south end of Indio Dr. off Florin St. is a blufftop path. Beach access stairs are at the end of Beachcomber Drive. Another part of South Palisades City Park is at the end of Silver Shoals Dr., where an unimproved path leads to the beach. At the end of Ebb Tide Ln. a short paved path runs along the bluff but does not yet connect to other parks.

STAIRWAY AT CLIFFS RESORT: *2757 Shell Beach Rd., Shell Beach.* Public beach stairs are at the upcoast end of the hotel; public beach parking in the hotel lot.

- Public blufftop path runs south from the Cliffs Resort past the Dolphin Bay Resort to the Spyglass Inn

SPYGLASS CITY PARK: *S. end of Spyglass Dr., Shell Beach.* Picnic area; a packed-earth path leads to the rocky shoreline.

MEMORY PARK: *Along seaward edge of Seacliff Dr., Shell Beach.* Blufftop lawn with benches and picnic tables. No beach access; on-street parking.

OCEAN ELDWAYEN CITY PARK: *Along Ocean Blvd., S. of Vista del Mar Ave., Shell Beach.* Narrow blufftop park with two beach stairways: near the end of Vista del Mar Ave. and on Ocean Blvd.

between Cuyama and Morro avenues. On-street parking.

MARGO DODD CITY PARK: *Ocean Blvd. from Windward Ave. to Cliff Ave., Shell Beach.* Stair to rocky shore at the end of Pier Ave.; on-street parking.

- Tunnels in offshore rocks attract kayakers
- Brown pelicans roost on nearshore islands

DINOSAUR CAVES PARK: *Seaward of Price St. and Cliff Ave., Shell Beach.* Gently sloped paths and lawns. No dinosaurs and no caves; the name stems from a former tourist attraction. No beach access from the park.

STAIRWAY AT SHELTER COVE LODGE: *2651 Price St., Pismo Beach.* At the downcoast end of the hotel are parking, restrooms, and a wheelchair-accessible path along the bluff; beach stairs are at the north end of the hotel. Stairway at neighboring Shore Cliff Lodge, 2555 Price St., has been closed due to storm damage.

STAIRWAY AT SEA CREST HOTEL: *2241 Price St., Pismo Beach.* Walk through breezeway next to lobby and skirt swimming pool to beach stairs. Dedicated public beach parking in the lot.

- Public blufftop path leads north past two adjoining hotels to Price Street



Memory Park, Shell Beach



Pier area, Pismo Beach

San Luis Obispo County
Pismo Beach to Oceano

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pismo Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pismo Beach Pier					•				•			•	•				•	•	•
Pismo Coast Village RV Resort				•									•				•	•	•
Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground	•	•		•					•			•	•				•	•	•
Butterfly Trees								•					•				•		
Coastal Dunes RV Park and Campground				•								•	•				•	•	•
Pismo State Beach Oceano Campground	•	•		•					•			•	•				•	•	•
Oceano Memorial Campground				•								•	•				•	•	•



North Beach Campground, Pismo State Beach

PISMO BEACH: *Runs from Wilmar Ave. in Pismo Beach to S. of Arroyo Grande Creek. Very wide sandy beach. Beach stairs at Wilmar Ave. and another stairway and restrooms at the end of Wadsworth Ave.; both sites have on-street parking. Main beach access and parking at the Pismo Beach Pier; promenade runs south to Addie St. where there is more parking. Beach and pier are maintained by the city of Pismo Beach; call: 805-773-7063. Beach wheelchair available at no charge at Wheel Fun Rentals, 150 Hinds Ave.; call: 805-773-0296. Available for rent are bicycles, tandem bikes, and surreys.*

- Stroll or bike along the shore
- Beach volleyball

PISMO BEACH PIER: *Near end of Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach. Large fishing decks; open 24 hours and lit at night.*

- Fish for barred surfperch, flounder, sanddabs

PISMO COAST VILLAGE RV RESORT: *165 S. Dolliver St. (Hwy. One), Pismo Beach. Four hundred RV sites with hookups, general store, laundry, restaurant, clubhouse, and swimming pool. Call: 888-782-3224.*

PISMO STATE BEACH NORTH BEACH CAMPGROUND: *S. Dolliver St., .6 mi. S. of Pomeroy Ave., Pismo Beach. More than 100 campsites; no RV hookups. Pay showers available. An RV dump station nearby. For reservations,*

call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-473-7220.

BUTTERFLY TREES: *Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground, Pismo Beach. Volunteer docents are on-site daily, 10 AM–4 PM, Nov.–Feb., when monarchs overwinter in a eucalyptus grove. Park on shoulder of S. Dolliver St. south of the Pismo State Beach North Beach Campground.*

COASTAL DUNES RV PARK AND CAMPGROUND: *1001 Pacific Blvd. (Hwy. One), Oceano. Campground includes 232 campsites with hookups. Hot showers and laundry. Call: 805-781-4900.*

- Heated swimming pool
- Basketball and volleyball courts

PISMO STATE BEACH OCEANO CAMPGROUND: *555 Pier Ave., Oceano. Campground has 82 sites, some with RV hookups. Hot showers, trail to beach. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-473-7220.*

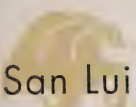
- Pismo Nature Center has a bookshop
- For docent-led nature walks, call: 805-772-2694

OCEANO MEMORIAL CAMPGROUND: *Air Park Dr. at Mendel Dr., Oceano. Small campground for RVs or tents; check in first at Coastal Dunes RV Park and Campground.*

- Nearby Oceano Community Park has a children's playground and playfields



Boardwalk, Oso Flaco Lake



San Luis Obispo County

Pismo State Beach to Nipomo Dunes

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve			•					•											
Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area	•				•				•				•				•	•	•
Oso Flaco Lake	•		•					•					•	•			•	•	•
Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge	•		•					•	•					•					

PISMO DUNES NATURAL PRESERVE: *Inland of the beach, S. of Arroyo Grande Creek, Oceano.* Preserve begins about one mile south of Pier Ave. at Arroyo Grande Creek, just inland from the shoreline, and extends another mile and a half to the south. Enter on foot from the beach; the area is off-limits to vehicles and dogs. Call: 805-473-7220.

- Explore sand dunes with freshwater lakes and riparian areas

OCEANO DUNES STATE VEHICULAR RECREATION AREA: *W. of Hwy. One, S. of Oceano.* Over five miles of beach and 1,500 acres of dunes are open to motor vehicles. Street-legal vehicles enter the beach at Grand Ave. in Grover Beach or Pier Ave. in Oceano. One mile south of Pier Ave. is the beginning of the off-highway vehicle use area, marked by a post bearing the number 2. Motorcycles, dune buggies, and all-terrain vehicles can be used on the beach or in the dunes south of Post 2, except where fences or signs indicate areas closed to vehicular use. To operate an all-terrain vehicle, safety training is recommended for everyone and is mandatory for young operators, ages 14–17. Helmets are required. All off-highway vehicles must be properly registered.

Camping is permitted in the Vehicular Recreation Area south of Post 2; four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended. Bring your own water and carry out your trash; vault toilets provided. An RV dump station is located on



Oceano Dunes

Le Sage Dr., off Hwy. One north of Grand Avenue. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-473-7220. Beach wheelchairs available at beach entrances at Pier and Grand avenues.

- Horseback riding on the sand
- Pismo clam digging

OSO FLACO LAKE: *W. end of Oso Flaco Lake Rd., 3 mi. W. of Hwy. One.* Hard-packed trail to Oso Flaco Lake; boardwalk continues to

the beach, a roundtrip of about two and a half miles. Call: 805-473-7220.

GUADALUPE-NIPOMO DUNES NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: *S. of Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, W. of Hwy. One.* Four square miles of dunes, with two linear miles of beach. Enter from Oso Flaco Lake; walk west along the boardwalk to the beach, then continue south one mile to the refuge. Keep on marked trail to protect sensitive dune plants. From Mar. 1–Sept. 30, the upper beach and foredunes are closed to protect the breeding area of the western snowy plover. Call: 805-343-9151.

- Look for colorful spring wildflowers
- Fish for surfperch along the shore

Keep in Mind

Clam diggers must have a fishing license and an accurate measuring tool; in San Luis Obispo County only Pismo clams that are at least four and a half inches long may be taken.



Kitesurfers, Waddell Creek Beach, Santa Cruz County

ALONG SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY'S coast, kitesurfers ply the ocean waters near Point Piedras Blancas, kayakers explore the Morro Bay Estuary, stand-up paddleboarders head out from Port San Luis, and surfers ride the waves off Shell Beach and Morro Rock. Of these pursuits, surfing has perhaps the deepest roots, having come to California well over a century ago. Among the pioneers was Hawaii resident George Freeth, whose skill in riding waves was publicized by author Jack London in the early years of the 20th century. In 1907 Freeth moved to California, where he proceeded to develop lifesaving techniques, introduce water polo to Californians, and also make headlines at Redondo Beach with his "surf-board riding" skills. Hawaii's Duke Kahanamoku, who won gold medals in swimming at the 1912 and 1916 Olympics, created a sensation by surfing California waves at Huntington Beach and Santa Cruz. Reportedly, surfing had appeared in California as early as 1885, when three Hawaiian princes on a visit to Santa Cruz used plank boards to ride the waves at the mouth of the San Lorenzo River.

Old-style, enormous surfboards made of redwood are no longer in common use,

although examples can be seen at surfing museums such as the **Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum** in Orange County. Modern, lightweight boards, along with the now-ubiquitous wetsuit (reportedly a California invention) have broadened greatly the appeal of surfing in California.

Newer recreational pursuits that involve wave or wind power may not be as well known as surfing. Windsurfing involves the use of a board, powered by a small sail shaped like that of a sailboat. Windsurfers can reach considerable speed and carry out maneuvers such as jumps and loops that are not achievable with a sailboat.

Kitesurfing, a more recent innovation, involves a large fabric kite that flies high overhead and harnesses sufficient wind power to tow a surfer across the water, into the air for acrobatic tricks, and along the face of waves. Control of the overhead kite and inflatable segments on the kite allow the user to re-launch from the water, if necessary. The term "kiteboarding" is also used, although it can refer to skimming over a non-water surface, such as snow. Kitesurfing is popular at breezy locations that also attract

windsurfers, including Oak Knoll Creek Beach on San Luis Obispo County's north coast, Davenport Landing Beach on Santa Cruz County's north coast, and County Line Beach on Ventura County's south coast.

Hang gliding, in which a person is harnessed beneath a fixed wing made of lightweight material, is commonly undertaken near ocean bluffs or peaks where updrafts provide lift. Hang gliders often gather at Fort Funston in San Francisco or glide onto Stinson Beach in Marin County from nearby heights. Paragliding is a related sport in which the participant is suspended beneath a curved fabric wing that lacks the structure of a hang glider. Paragliders often launch from the bluffs at Torrey Pines Gliderport in San Diego County. Both hang gliders and paragliders can exercise control over lift and the direction of their glides and can stay aloft for a considerable period of time. By contrast, the activity known as parasailing involves a person being suspended from what looks like a parachute, towed often by a boat, resulting in little control by the user over direction or speed.

Kayaking remains very popular along the entire California coast, both in open ocean and in enclosed water bodies, while canoes, although perhaps less common than they once were, can still be found at locations such as the Russian River in Sonoma County. Stand-up paddleboarding has grown considerably in popularity in only a few years. Using a paddle in a standing position in order to cover a long distance before catching a wave has sometimes been done by surfers.



Windsurfer, south of Piedras Blancas



Kayaking lesson, Monterey State Beach

The practice has expanded to quiet water areas, such as harbors and river mouths, as well as surf breaks. The relatively straightforward technique involved, along with simple equipment that consists of a board and a long, slender oar shaped like a canoe paddle, have contributed to the sport's popularity.

Newcomers to any water-based or wind-powered recreational activity should look into ways to learn skills, safety measures, and appropriate behavior on the water or in the air, especially where the safety or comfort of others is involved. Surfing lessons are available at many beaches, including Huntington City Beach and Santa Cruz's Cowell Beach, in the two towns that vie for the label of "Surf City." Instruction and equipment for stand-up paddleboarding is available at many California locations, often at harbors or marinas where kayaks are available. For beginning paddleboarders, sheltered waters may be a good place to start. In San Luis Obispo County, vendors along Embarcadero Road in Morro Bay and at Port San Luis near Avila Beach offer paddleboards and other equipment. In Humboldt County, stand-up paddleboards are available at the Stone Lagoon visitor center north of Trinidad and Woodley Island Marina in Eureka. Instruction in stand-up paddleboarding is available at Ventura Harbor Village in Ventura Harbor, the Newport Aquatic Center at North Star Beach in Orange County's Upper Newport Bay, and the Crown Cove Aquatic Center at Silver Strand State Beach on San Diego Bay.



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Los Olivos

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Pt. Conception

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Santa Barbara
Approx. 55 miles SE from San Buenaventura



El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY is situated where northern California meets southern California. South of the county lies the Southern California Bight, the ocean waters within the arc of coastline from Point Conception to the Mexican border. The abrupt turn in the coast at Point Conception, compared to the orientation of the coastline north of the point, creates a gyre, or eddy, in the Santa Barbara Channel. The result of this gyre is the Southern California Countercurrent, a shallow current that flows generally from east to west and bathes the coast south of Point Conception with water about two degrees warmer than that north of the point. Many of the county's beaches face south, increasing their appeal to sunbathers.

Ride a scenic railroad

A passenger train rolling along oceanfront rails is the only practical means for visitors to experience part of Santa Barbara County's scenic coast. The dramatic 37-mile stretch from Gaviota to the rail stop called Surf, including Point Conception and Point Arguello, is inaccessible to visitors other than those riding the train; much of the land traversed

is part of Vandenberg Air Force Base or is private land, with no public beach access. The storied passenger train *Coast Starlight* links Los Angeles and Seattle with daily service, and for about 100 miles between the city of San Buenaventura in Ventura County and Surf in Santa Barbara County, the line follows the coastline closely. The *Pacific Surfliner* rides the same rails on a shorter route that links San Diego and San Luis Obispo, with numerous daily departures. Travelers intent on seeing the coast near Point Conception could arrange an easy roundtrip between, say, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo.

See evidence of California's Spanish and Mexican past

Santa Barbara was the site of one of Alta California's four royal 18th-century Spanish presidios. Santa Barbara's presidio, or military garrison, was established in 1782 and was the last of the presidios founded by the Spanish in what is now the state of California. The outlines of the original rectangular complex are traced by present-day State, De la Guerra, Santa Barbara, and Canon Perdido streets. El Cuartel, located on East



Santa Barbara Harbor

Canon Perdido St., served as a military residence and is the oldest building in Santa Barbara. The presidio buildings that remain are part of El Presidio de Santa Barbara State Historic Park, as are two post-Spanish-era adobe structures from the mid-19th century.

The El Paseo Arcade at 800 Anacapa St. takes the form of a Spanish village, with shops and offices grouped around pedestrian passageways. Although developed in 1922–23, long after Santa Barbara's colonial period, the complex incorporates the original De La Guerra home, built in 1819–26, and the Orena adobes, built in 1849 and 1858. The Santa Barbara County Courthouse, completed in 1929, evokes a grand, somewhat fanciful Spanish castle and is now itself a national historic landmark. The structure occupies a full city block at 1100 Anacapa Street. Visitors are welcome during business hours. Docents staff an information desk and lead free tours of the building and the lavishly landscaped grounds. The visitor center on E. Cabrillo Blvd. opposite Stearns Wharf offers a wealth of information about architectural and historic sites in Santa Barbara.

Go sailing

The Santa Barbara Channel is a highly popular sailing area. The Channel Islands, located some 20 miles away, provide both shelter from rough seas and destinations to explore. Seen from the sea, the Santa Ynez Range is a scenic backdrop to the Santa Barbara County shoreline. The Santa Barbara Sailing Center, located at Santa Barbara

Harbor, offers a wide range of sailing options. American Sailing Association–accredited sailing instruction is offered, along with sailboat rentals and sailing cruises that may include whale or dolphin sightings. For young people, after-school instruction is offered, and there are summer camps to enhance sailing skills and also provide opportunities to learn kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. For information, call: 805-962-2826.

Vendors at Santa Barbara Harbor that offer sailing services, sunset sailboat cruises, and other adventures include Sunset Kidd Sailing Charters; call: 805-962-8222. Many other boating services are available at the harbor, including powerboat rentals, chartered fishing trips, wildlife excursions, and paddle sports equipment rentals.

Enjoy local produce

The beach-oriented community of Carpinteria is the urban center of the largely agricultural Carpinteria Valley, a favorable location for raising specialty crops. Rich soils and a long growing season contribute to the area's agricultural importance. There are 3,500 acres of cropland devoted to avocados, lemons, and more unusual fruits such as the sapote and cherimoya. Growers in the Carpinteria area raise lilies, gerbera daisies, and other cut flowers in greenhouses, along with potted plants such as orchids and fuchsias. Strawberries, which are Santa Barbara's leading crop in dollar value, are grown extensively in northern Santa Barbara County, including near

Guadalupe in the Santa Maria Valley. Inland from Gaviota, the Santa Ynez Valley is home to many vineyards. Altogether, Santa Barbara County's annual agricultural production is valued at more than one billion dollars.

At Carpinteria, a farmers market takes place on the 800 block of Linden Ave. on Thursday from 3:00 to 6:30 PM (6:00 PM during winter months).

Additional Santa Barbara County farmers markets include:

Saturday, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM, Santa Barbara and Cota streets, Santa Barbara

Tuesday, 4:00 to 7:30 PM (summer) and 3:00 to 6:30 PM (winter), lower State St., Santa Barbara

Friday, 8:00 to 11:15 AM, Coast Village Rd., Montecito

Sunday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Storke Rd. at Hollister Ave., Goleta

Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, 7004 Marketplace Dr., Goleta

Other attractions

A highlight of a visit to Santa Barbara is the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, located at 2559 Puesta del Sol Road. The museum features exhibits on the geology, zoology, and ethnographic history of the

southern and central California coast and the Channel Islands. A complete blue whale skeleton is on display; tree-shaded gardens surround Spanish-style buildings. The Ty Warner Sea Center on Stearns Wharf is operated by the museum and focuses on the ocean's living resources.

The famous Moreton Bay fig tree at Chapala and Montecito streets stands some 80 feet high with a crown width of 198 feet. The tree, native to Australia, was reportedly planted as a seedling in 1877 by nine-year-old Adeline Crabb and her mother, Hannah. The Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, located at 1212 Mission Canyon Rd., is a repository solely of plants native to California, including many from coastal areas. The 37-acre estate in Montecito known as Lotusland is devoted to colorful, dramatic plants from around the world. The gardens, some almost fantastic in appearance, contain extensive collections of palms, cactus, bromeliads, ferns, and cycads. The gardens reflect the taste for the striking and the beautiful of Polish-born Madame Ganna Walska, an actress and operatic singer turned garden creator, who owned the estate from 1941 until her death in 1984. Docent-led tours are held between mid-February and mid-November; reservations are required. For information, call: 805-969-9990 on weekdays between 9 AM and 5 PM.



Ty Warner Sea Center, Stearns Wharf



Santa Barbara County

Santa Maria River to Jalama Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Dunes Visitor Center																			
Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park																			
Point Sal State Beach																			
Ocean Beach County Park																			
Surf Railroad Depot																			
Jalama Beach County Park																			

DUNES VISITOR CENTER: 1065 *Guadalupe St., Guadalupe*. The nonprofit Dunes Center provides information about the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes National Wildlife Refuge, Oso Flaco Lake, and the Rancho Guadalupe Dunes County Park. Visitor center is open Sat. and Sun., 10 AM–4 PM; for information, call: 805-343-2455.

RANCHO GUADALUPE DUNES COUNTY PARK: *End of Main St., 5 mi. W. of Guadalupe*. Massive sand dunes, some 500 feet high, extend north and south of the Santa Maria River. Access to the surf zone is generally available; the rest of the beach and dunes are off-limits from March 1 through September during the western snowy plover nesting season. Dogs are not permitted, even in vehicles. Open 7 AM–sunset; call: 805-343-2354.

- Picnic area
- Surf fishing all year

POINT SAL STATE BEACH: *End of Brown Rd., S.W. of Guadalupe*. Beach is reachable only on foot, a roundtrip hike of about 12 miles from the trailhead. No facilities. Subject to closure due to operations at Vandenberg Air Force Base; see: www.vandenberg.af.mil.

OCEAN BEACH COUNTY PARK: *End of Ocean Park Rd., 9.2 mi. W. of Lompoc*. From Lompoc, take W. Ocean Ave. (Hwy. 246) eight miles to Ocean Park Rd.; turn north to the park. The park is open all year, but the beach, part of Vandenberg Air Force Base, is

closed from March 1 through September. Park hours are 8 AM–sunset; call: 805-568-2461.

- Picnic area
- Excellent birding overlooking mudflats and salt and freshwater marshes

SURF RAILROAD DEPOT: *End of W. Ocean Ave., 9.5 mi. W. of Lompoc*. An operating railroad station with access to a Vandenberg Air Force Base beach; access is across the tracks, equipped with warning lights and bells. Access to the surf zone is generally available all year; the rest of the beach is off-limits from March 1 through September.

JALAMA BEACH COUNTY PARK: *Jalama Beach Rd., 14.2 mi. W. of Hwy. One, S. of Lompoc*. A remote beach, far from Hwy. One. There are 112 campsites for tents or RVs; no reservations taken. Store and café are open daily, year round. Hot showers available, including a wheelchair-accessible shower; beach wheelchair

available. Vandenberg Air Force Base allows one mile of beach access northwest of Jalama Creek. Call: 805-736-3504.

- Swimming beach, although surf can be rough
- Surfing
- Windsurfing

Western Snowy Plovers

Vandenberg Air Force Base is prime habitat for the endangered western snowy plover, which nests on the sand between March and September; limited public beach access is generally available outside the nesting season. At all times, please respect posted restrictions; violations result in longer closures. The beach may also be closed during rocket launches; see: www.vandenberg.af.mil.



Railroad Depot, Surf



Las Cruces Trail, Gaviota State Park

Santa Barbara County

Point Conception to Gaviota

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Las Cruces Trailhead		•	•					•									•		
Gaviota State Park Trailhead East		•						•									•	•	
Gaviota State Park	•	•		•		•	•	•				•	•				•	•	•
Gaviota Rest Areas												•	•				•	•	

LAS CRUCES TRAILHEAD: *W. of Hwy. 101, 3 mi. N. of Gaviota.* From Hwy. 101 go west on Hwy. One for one-half mile to San Julian Rd. and turn south to reach trailhead at the end of the road, part of Gaviota State Park. Trail for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians leads south; connecting trails lead to peaks and through canyons.

- Hike to the beach, some four miles distant

GAVIOTA STATE PARK TRAILHEAD EAST: *E. of Hwy. 101, 3 mi. N. of Gaviota.* Exit Hwy. 101 at the Hwy. One junction and head east, then turn south to the parking lot; fee for parking. Trail leads to a hot spring in the northeastern part of Gaviota State Park. Hike up the fire road from the parking area and turn left at the first junction. About three-quarters of a mile from the parking area, where the fire road crosses a creek, turn uphill on a narrow trail to a series of spring-fed pools filled with warm,

sulfurous, blue-hued water. The fire road continues upwards, and hikers can proceed into the adjacent Los Padres National Forest.

- Gaviota Peak, a six-mile round-trip from the parking area, affords views of the Channel Islands and Point Conception

GAVIOTA STATE PARK: *Hwy. 101 at Gaviota Beach Rd., Gaviota.* The park includes 2,776 acres and five miles of shoreline. Day-use parking and restrooms are at the beach. Ask a lifeguard to use a beach wheelchair. Food items and fishing gear are available at the camp store, open seasonally. For park information, call: 805-968-1033.

An additional day-use area of the state park, San Onofre Beach, is located off Hwy. 101, one and a quarter miles east of the Mariposa Reina highway interchange. Look for the state park sign at a dirt pull-out on the southbound side of the highway; use caution crossing the railroad tracks.

The Gaviota State Park campground includes 39 sites that accommodate tents, RVs up to 27 feet long, and trailers up to 25 feet long. No hookups available. Campsites may be reserved during spring and summer; call: 1-800-444-7275. Off-season camping is first-come, first-served, from Fri.–Sun. only. The flat campground is generally wheelchair accessible. Leashed dogs allowed in the campground, but not on the beach.

- Swimming beach
- Fish from the pier; no license required, although catch limits apply
- Boats can be launched from the pier using a hoist; advance training and fee required

GAVIOTA REST AREAS: *Hwy. 101, Gaviota Pass.* Immaculately tended and landscaped rest areas are located on each side of Hwy. 101, one northbound and one southbound. Interpretive panels about the area's biological and geological resources are on site.



Pier, Gaviota State Park, with weathered sedimentary rock formations along the bluff face



Refugio State Beach

Santa Barbara County

Arroyo Hondo to Naples Reef

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Vista Point																			
Arroyo Hondo Preserve			•					•			•	•	•				•	•	
Refugio State Beach	•	•	•	•	•				•	•			•	•			•	•	•
Bike Path			•	•															
El Capitán State Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•			•				•				•	•	•
El Capitan Canyon Resort			•		•								•				•	•	•
Naples Reef									•	•									

VISTA POINT: *Off Hwy. 101, 6 mi. E. of Gaviota State Park entrance. Coastal views; southbound only.*

ARROYO HONDO PRESERVE: *Off Hwy. 101, 4 mi. W. of Refugio State Beach. Public entry is by advance reservation only on the first and third weekend of each month; docent-led walks available. Visitor center is in the circa-1850 Ortega home, one of several built by descendants of José Francisco de Ortega, a founder of the Presidio of Santa Barbara in 1782. Restrooms and the path to the Ortega adobe are wheelchair accessible. Managed by the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County; call: 805-567-1115. Donations encouraged.*

REFUGIO STATE BEACH: *S. of Hwy. 101 at Refugio Rd., 15 mi. W. of Goleta. Day use and camping in a palm grove. Beach store,*

open seasonally, offers food and beverages, equipment rentals, and fishing gear. For park information, call: 805-968-1033.

Campground has 66 family sites and three group sites. No hookups. Pay showers available. Leashed dogs OK in the campground; not allowed on the beach. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. The campground is open year round, except when winter rains cause flooding.

- Swimming beach
- Ask a lifeguard for beach wheelchair
- Ranger-led kayak tours

BIKE PATH: *Seaward of Hwy. 101, between Refugio and El Capitán State Beaches. Paved path links Refugio State Beach and El Capitán State Beach. Beach access points at intervals.*

EL CAPITÁN STATE BEACH: *Exit 117 off Hwy. 101, 12 mi. W. of Goleta. Day-use area includes half-mile-long wheelchair-accessible path leading to picnic tables on a lawn. Beach store is open seasonally. For park information, call: 805-968-1033.*

Campground on the bluff has 131 family campsites plus hike or bike and group sites. Stairs lead to the sandy shore. No hookups. Pay showers. Leashed dogs OK in the campground; not allowed on the beach. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- Swimming beach
- Ask a lifeguard for beach wheelchair

- El Capitán Point often has good surfing conditions
- Monarch butterflies overwinter in the trees

EL CAPITAN CANYON RESORT: *12 mi. W. of Goleta. Privately operated facility shares exit 117 off Hwy. 101 with El Capitán State Beach. Accommodations include furnished canvas tents and cabins; day use also available. Store, laundry, snack bar, and game arcade. Fifteen miles of hiking trails are accessible, including some within El Capitán State Beach. Call: 805-685-3887.*

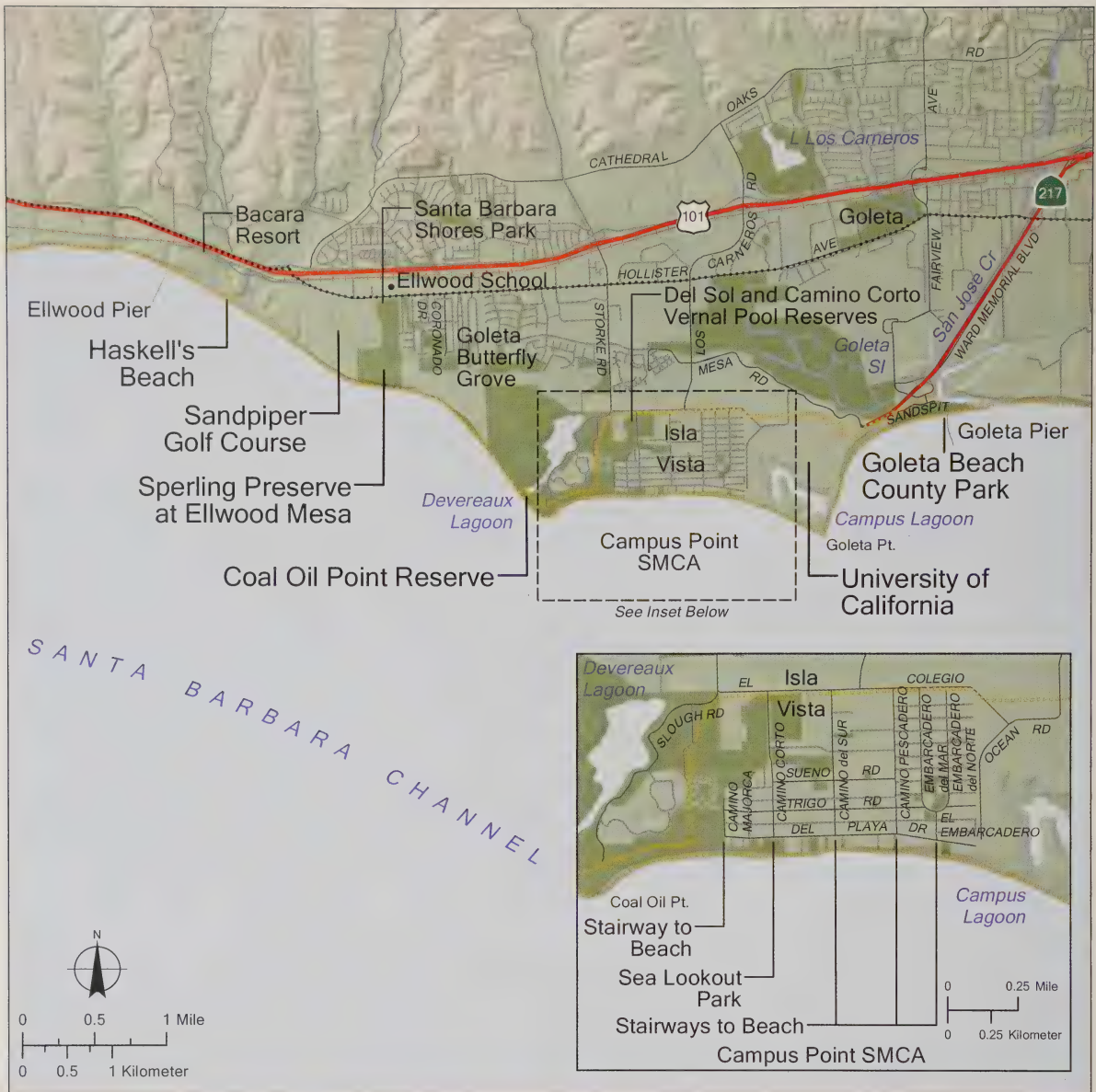
- Docent-led nature hikes
- Stargazing
- Movie nights

NAPLES REEF: *1 mi. offshore, S.W. of Ellwood Pier. Accessible only by boat, the reef supports dense giant kelp forests, with water depths between 30 and 60 feet. Kelp bass, California sheephead, Pacific barracuda, and spiny lobster are present. Most resources are protected; check Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations.*

- Underwater photography
- Recreational spearfishing for white seabass



Refugio State Beach



Coal Oil Point Reserve

Santa Barbara County

Goleta Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Haskell's Beach	•	•			•						•	•	•	•	•	•		
Sandpiper Golf Course													•	•	•	•		
Sperling Preserve at Ellwood Mesa		•	•				•		•					•	•			
Coal Oil Point Reserve	•	•					•											
Stairway to Beach	•															•		
Sea Lookout Park	•															•		
Stairways to Beach	•															•		
University of California	•	•							•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Goleta Beach County Park	•	•	•		•	•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

HASKELL'S BEACH: *W. end of Hollister Ave., Goleta.* Park at Bacara Resort in the first paved lot, seven-tenths of a mile from Hollister Avenue. Wheelchair-accessible path leads to the beach; a trail runs along the shoreline both east and west.

SANDPIPER GOLF COURSE: *7925 Hollister Ave., Goleta.* The 18-hole course is open to the public; pro shop and snack stand. Call: 805-968-1541.

■ Seaside golf

SPERLING PRESERVE AT ELLWOOD MESA: *Hollister Ave., 1.5 mi. W. of Storke Rd., Goleta.* Trail to the Goleta Butterfly Grove, which harbors overwintering monarchs, starts at the parking area. Beyond the grove, trails lead to the coastal bluffs. Some trails designated for equestrians and bicyclists. Additional access to the butterfly grove is near the end of Coronado Drive. Call: 805-966-4520.

COAL OIL POINT RESERVE: *W. end of Camino Corto, Isla Vista.* The reserve's dunes, lagoon, and beach are used primarily for educational and research purposes, but public access is available to parts of it. Park outside the reserve on El Colegio Rd. near Storke Rd., and walk in along Slough Rd. to view the lagoon; no dogs or bicycles allowed. Visitors in vehicles may also stop in small pull-outs along Slough Rd., but drivers must stay with their vehicles. The Pond Trail,



Goleta Beach County Park

which starts at the beach on the western side of Coal Oil Point, bisects the reserve and is also open to the public. Beach visitors are limited to the wet sand area when snowy plovers are nesting.

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *Camino Majorca at Del Playa Dr., Isla Vista.* Stairs to West Campus Beach; on-street parking.

SEA LOOKOUT PARK: *Camino Corto at Del Playa Dr., Isla Vista.* Picnic tables on the bluff and beach stairs mid-block, east of Sea Lookout Park. On-street parking. Call: 805-968-2017.

■ Sand volleyball

STAIRWAYS TO BEACH: *Camino del Sur, Camino Pescadero, and El Embarcadero Rd. at Del Playa Dr., Isla Vista.* Three beach stairways opposite street ends; three mini-parks on the bluff above. Limited on-street parking.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: *Off Clarence Ward Memorial Blvd., Goleta, and El Colegio Rd., Isla Vista.* The campus includes beaches and a coastal lagoon. Metered parking for public coastal access is at the end of Ocean Road. Visitors may also park in unmetered lots with a "C" designation; automated pay stations dispense parking passes. Campus information kiosk is at University Plaza. Beach wheelchair available on campus; call: 805-448-6740.

GOLETA BEACH COUNTY PARK: *5990 Sandspit Rd., Goleta.* Sandy beach sheltered by Goleta Point; restaurant. To borrow a beach wheelchair or use the boat launch, call: 805-967-1300.

■ Beach volleyball
■ Fishing pier
■ Viewing platforms overlook bird habitat in Goleta Slough



Douglas Family Preserve



Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara West

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
More Mesa Open Space		•						•		•							•		
Cliff Drive																	•		
Arroyo Burro Beach County Park	•				•			•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Douglas Family Preserve		•						•		•									
Mesa Lane Stairway	•									•							•		
La Mesa Park										•	•	•	•			•	•		
One Thousand Steps	•	•								•									
Shoreline Park	•									•		•	•			•	•		
Leadbetter Beach	•					•		•								•	•	•	•

MORE MESA OPEN SPACE: *S. Patterson Ave., Santa Barbara.* Open area with trails, no other facilities. Look for trailhead sign on the left, one mile from Hollister Ave.; road-side parking.

CLIFF DRIVE: *W. of Arroyo Burro Beach to Marina Dr., Santa Barbara.* Scenic drive.

- View turnout is west of Yankee Farm Road

ARROYO BURRO BEACH COUNTY PARK: *Off Cliff Dr., .2 mi. W. of Las Positas Rd., Santa Barbara.* Fine sand beach, known locally as Hendry's Beach. The two parking lots are often crowded on summer days; Santa Barbara MTD bus stop at the entrance. Picnic area on site. Call: 805-568-2465.

- Popular restaurant and snack stand overlook the sand
- Surfing beach
- Off-leash dog area and self-service pet wash
- South Coast Watershed Resource Center offers educational programs about healthy watersheds

DOUGLAS FAMILY PRESERVE: *2551 Medcliff Rd., Santa Barbara.* Open space area adjacent to Arroyo Burro Beach County Park. Oak Grove Trail entrance is on Cliff Dr. opposite Las Positas Rd.; no parking at that location. Other entrances with on-street parking are at the ends of Borton Dr., Linda Rd., and Medcliff Road. Open from sunrise–10 p.m.

- Certain trails are designated for off-leash dogs

MESA LANE STAIRWAY: *S. end of Mesa Ln., Santa Barbara.* Long stairway descends a steep cliff; very limited on-street parking.

LA MESA PARK: *Meigs Rd. at Shoreline Dr., Santa Barbara.* Neighborhood park overlooks a wooded ravine and a glimpse of blue water; no beach access. Open from sunrise–10 p.m. Group picnic area can be reserved; call: 805-897-2582.

ONE THOUSAND STEPS: *End of Santa Cruz Blvd., Santa Barbara.* Beach access stairway; very limited on-street parking. No facilities.

SHORELINE PARK: *Shoreline Dr. between San Rafael Ave. and La Marina Dr., Santa Barbara.* Nicely landscaped blufftop park with large parking lots. Stairway to the narrow sandy beach is

among the trees in the middle of the park. Group picnic area can be reserved; call: 805-897-2582.

- Kite-flying
- Nice views of Leadbetter Beach and the Santa Ynez Mountains
- Japanese garden commemorates Santa Barbara's sister city, Toba, Japan

LEADBETTER BEACH: *Shoreline Dr. at Loma Alta Dr., Santa Barbara.* Very wide sandy beach. Parking lot is shared with Santa Barbara Harbor; landscaped picnic area is adjacent. At low tide only, pedestrian access to Leadbetter Beach is possible along the sand from the Shoreline Park stairway.

- Restaurant and snack stand
- Beach volleyball court can be reserved; call: 805-564-5418
- Popular kitesurfing spot
- Tidepools are near Santa Barbara Point



Leadbetter Beach



West Beach

Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara Central

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pershing Park																			
Santa Barbara Maritime Museum																			
Santa Barbara Harbor																			
Los Baños del Mar																			
Santa Barbara Tourist Hostel																			
West Beach																			
Stearns Wharf																			
Ty Warner Sea Center																			
Chase Palm Park																			
East Beach																			

PERSHING PARK: 100 Castillo St., Santa Barbara. Shady green oasis with a band shell.

- Softball and baseball fields
- Tennis courts for public play on weekends and after 5 PM on weekdays
- Old Spanish Days Carriage Museum features historic horse-drawn vehicles, open weekdays, 9 AM–3 PM; call: 805-962-2353

SANTA BARBARA MARITIME MUSEUM: 113 Harbor Way, Santa Barbara Harbor. Exhibits and educational programs about diving, surfing, and other sea-related topics. Open daily except Wednesday, 10 AM–5 PM (6 PM in summer); closed major holidays. Call: 805-962-8404.

The Outdoors Santa Barbara Visitor Center is on the fourth floor of the Maritime Museum building; information is available about Channel Islands National Park, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Los Padres National Forest, and the City of Santa Barbara. Open daily, 11 AM–5 PM; for information, call: 805-884-1475.

SANTA BARBARA HARBOR: W. Cabrillo Blvd. at Shoreline Dr., Santa Barbara. The marina has over 1,100 boat slips, marine services, boat rentals, and launching ramp. For guest slip information, call: 805-564-5531.

- Sport-fishing and wildlife-viewing excursions

LOS BAÑOS DEL MAR: 400 block of W. Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara. Outdoor lap swimming in a 50-meter-long pool; lockers available. Park in lot shared with Santa Barbara Harbor. Call: 805-966-6110.

- Adjacent West Beach Wading Pool is for children up to seven years of age; open daily, weather permitting, noon–5 PM, May–September, with lifeguard on duty

SANTA BARBARA TOURIST HOSTEL: 134 Chapala St., Santa Barbara. Shared and private rooms, kitchen, bicycle and rollerblade rentals. Open 8:15 AM–10:30 PM, except 12:30–1:30 PM. Call: 805-963-0154.

WEST BEACH: Seaward of W. Cabrillo Blvd., between Santa Barbara Harbor and Stearns Wharf. Sheltered beach within the breakwater. The California Coastal Trail extends along Cabrillo Boulevard.

- Beach volleyball
- Kayak launch spot

STEARNS WHARF: Foot of State St., Santa Barbara. Commercial and recreational fishing pier, with shops and restaurants. Fee for parking.

- Whale-watching excursions

TY WARNER SEA CENTER: Stearns Wharf, Santa Barbara. Interactive exhibits, tide-pool tank, live shark touch

pool; affiliated with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Call: 805-962-2526.

CHASE PALM PARK: Both sides of E. Cabrillo Blvd., E. of Stearns Wharf, Santa Barbara. Lawns and tall palms adjacent to the beach. Call: 805-564-5418.

- Soccer fields
- Arts and crafts shows on Sundays and holidays
- Nautical-themed children's playground and carousel are inland of Cabrillo Boulevard
- Free summertime concerts
- Concrete skate park opposite Garden Street

EAST BEACH: Seaward of Chase Palm Park, E. of Stearns Wharf, Santa Barbara. Mile-long sandy beach. For beach wheelchair, call: 805-897-2680.

- Beach volleyball
- Historic Cabrillo Pavilion Bathhouse at 1119 E. Cabrillo Blvd. has showers, lockers, and a weight room, open to the public; fees apply



Chase Palm Park



Stairway to beach at Channel Dr., seaward of Biltmore Hotel

Santa Barbara County

Santa Barbara to Montecito

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Santa Barbara Zoo									•		•		•	•		•	•	•	•
Andree Clark Bird Refuge			•	•				•					•	•			•		
Stairway to Beach	•									•								•	
Stairway to Beach	•									•								•	
Hammonds Beach	•	•	•							•								•	
Miramar Beach	•									•								•	

SANTA BARBARA ZOO:
500 Niños Dr., Santa Barbara.
The beautifully landscaped zoo houses exotic species from around the world. Open daily, 10 AM–5 PM, with shorter hours on certain holidays. Separate fee applies for entry and parking. Strollers, wagons, and wheelchairs are available for rent. For recorded information, call: 805-962-6310.

- Look for California coastal natives such as the California sea lion and the island fox, endemic to the Channel Islands

ANDREE CLARK BIRD REFUGE:
E. Cabrillo Blvd. at Hwy. 101, Santa Barbara. A 29-acre lake and associated brackish marshes provide habitat for over 200 species of birds as well as pond turtles and the endangered fish known as the tidewater goby. There are several small islands in the lake. A grassy area along the south and east shores overlooks the refuge and incorporates a segment of the city's heavily-used shoreline bicycle path, which extends west to Shoreline Park. Limited parking is available on Los Patos Way. Open from sunrise to 10 PM.

- Self-guided nature path along the north shore of the refuge
- Look for herons, egrets, ducks, and geese
- In summer, cormorants can be seen flying from the refuge's lake to the nearby harbor in search of fish

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *Butterfly Ln. at Channel Dr., Montecito.* Channel Dr. is a scenic route



Andree Clark Bird Refuge

with views of the Santa Barbara Channel. Because of one-way streets, approach Channel Dr. from Olive Mill Rd. only. A public stairway leads to the sandy beach opposite the end of Butterfly Lane. Very limited on-street parking; no facilities. Dogs must be leashed.

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *Channel Dr., seaward of Biltmore Hotel, Montecito.* A public stairway leads to the narrow sandy beach. On-street parking; no facilities.

HAMMONDS BEACH: *End of Eucalyptus Ln., Montecito.* A small parking area is at the foot of Eucalyptus Ln. off San Ysidro Rd.; look for the trail between high hedges of neighboring

residences to reach Montecito Creek, located to the west. A bridge over the creek provides access to trails down both sides of the waterway to the narrow beach, part rocky and part sandy.

- Surfing spot

MIRAMAR BEACH: *E. of Eucalyptus Ln., Montecito.* A narrow beach, accessible via ramp, is next to the former Miramar Hotel site. Very limited parking is at the foot of Eucalyptus Lane. Pedestrian access to the east end of the same beach is available at Posilipo Ln.; there is no nearby parking, but there is some limited roadside parking along Jameson Ln., one-tenth-mile west of Posilipo Lane.



Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve

Santa Barbara County

Summerland to Carpinteria

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Lookout County Park	•	•				•				•	•		•	•		•	•		
Oceanview Park										•			•	•			•		
Loon Point Beach Path	•		•							•						•	•		
Carpinteria Salt Marsh Nature Park			•				•						•	•		•	•		
Carpinteria City Beach	•					•				•	•		•	•		•	•		
Carpinteria State Beach	•	•			•								•	•		•	•	•	
Tarpits Park	•		•																
Carpinteria Bluffs Nature Preserve			•							•			•	•		•	•		
Rincon Beach County Park	•	•				•		•		•			•	•		•	•		

LOOKOUT COUNTY PARK:

End of Evans Ave., Summerland. Small blufftop park with picnic area, volleyball court, and a paved ramp to the beach. Call: 805-568-2465.

- Surfing spot

OCEANVIEW PARK:

Via Real at Greenwell Ave., Summerland. Neighborhood park with picnic tables and views of the Santa Barbara Channel. Use the Padaro Ln. exit from Hwy. 101, then head west on Via Real to Greenwell Avenue.

LOON POINT BEACH

PATH: *Padaro Ln. at Hwy. 101, Summerland.* To reach a long curving beach, park in the lot and follow the beach path that crosses under Padaro Lane.

CARPINTERIA SALT MARSH

NATURE PARK: *Ash Ave. and 3rd St., Carpinteria.* A nature trail with interpretive panels leads along the marsh. Managed by the City of Carpinteria; call: 805-684-5405.

- Docent-led walks start at 10 AM on Saturdays, year round

CARPINTERIA CITY BEACH:

From the end of Linden Ave. W. to Ash Ave., Carpinteria. A quarter-mile-long sandy beach is seaward of Sandyland Rd., with pedestrian access at the ends of Ash, Holly, Elm, and Linden avenues. Picnic area is at the foot of Linden Avenue. Limited on-street parking. The electric Seaside Shuttle bus links

the beach with the downtown shopping district.

CARPINTERIA STATE BEACH:

End of Palm Ave., Carpinteria. A popular state beach, known as the "safest beach on the coast" because of the shallow offshore shelf that prevents rip currents. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer. In addition to picnic areas and day-use parking, there is a tree-sheltered campground with 203 campsites, some for RVs or trailers and some for tents. Group sites also available; enroute camping allowed. Some campsites are wheelchair accessible. Trailer sanitation station available. Coin-operated hot showers available. For information or to reserve a beach wheelchair, call: 805-968-1033.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball

TARPITS PARK: *E. end of campground access road, Carpinteria State Beach, Carpinteria.* A Chumash Indian historical site with natural

asphaltum seeps. Trails and overlooks; enter on foot through Carpinteria State Beach.

- Popular surfing area called the "tarpits" is off the south end of the beach

CARPINTERIA BLUFFS

NATURE PRESERVE: *Carpinteria Ave. at Bailard Ave., Carpinteria.* A blufftop park with paths and benches; adjacent Viola Fields park includes soccer and baseball fields and restrooms.

- Fine views of the Channel Islands

RINCON BEACH COUNTY

PARK: *Bates Rd., seaward of Hwy. 101, Carpinteria.* A ramp and stairway lead down the steep bluff to the sandy beach. Picnic area on the bluff. Additional parking and beach access is available nearby on the east (Ventura County) side of Rincon Point. For information, call: 805-568-2465.

- Very well-known surfing spot at Rincon Point; can be crowded



Dawn, Carpinteria City Beach



Santa Barbara County

Channel Islands National Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Cuyler Harbor Beach	•	•						•								•			
Campground (San Miguel Island)		•		•												•		•	
Water Canyon Beach	•	•						•								•			
Campground (Santa Rosa Island)		•		•				•								•		•	
Scorpion Beach	•	•	•		•		•	•	•							•			
Prisoners Harbor		•	•				•									•			
Smugglers Cove		•	•				•									•			
Landing Cove (Anacapa Island)			•				•	•								•			
Campground (Anacapa Island)			•	•			•									•		•	
Landing Cove (Santa Barbara Island)			•				•	•								•			
Campground (Santa Barbara Island)			•	•			•									•		•	

CUYLER HARBOR BEACH: *N.E. side of San Miguel Island.* The beach and the mile-long trail to the campground and ranger station are the only parts of the island that visitors can explore without a ranger. Check with the National Park Service if you want to go beyond those points. The island is home to a recovering seal and sea lion breeding ground; a 16-mile out-and-back hike to Point Bennett offers visitors the chance, at certain times of the year, to see up to 30,000 animals, of up to five pinniped species.

CAMPGROUND: *1 mi. S. of Cuyler Harbor, San Miguel Island.* Primitive campground one mile from the landing. Nine campsites, each with a windscreen. Pit toilets only; bring your own water.

WATER CANYON BEACH: *N.E. side, Santa Rosa Island.* Two-mile-long beach southeast of Santa Rosa Pier. Trail options include the three-mile Cherry Canyon Loop Trail and the five-mile loop to the grove of Torrey pines, one of the rarest pines in the world. Restroom with running water is located inland from the pier.

CAMPGROUND: *1.5 miles S. of the landing, Santa Rosa Island.* Each of the 15 campsites has a windscreen; showers available. Visitors can explore trails,

take a short stroll to a white sand beach, or view the plant life and wildlife of the island.

SCORPION BEACH: *N.E. end of Santa Cruz Island.* Scorpion Beach is the main landing for Santa Cruz Island. Picnic tables are located at the beach, and pit toilets are nearby. The largest campground on any of the islands is located one-quarter mile from Scorpion Beach in a quiet eucalyptus grove. There are 40 campsites with picnic tables and food lockers. Fires are prohibited; campers should bring their own stoves. Running water and pit toilets are available.

- Kayak, snorkel, dive, or swim
- Sunbathe at protected Scorpion Beach
- Trails include the two-mile

Cavern Point Loop Trail and the Scorpion Canyon Loop, four and a half miles long.

PRISONERS HARBOR: *N. side of Santa Cruz Island.* Prisoners Harbor is located at the edge of the National Park Service-administered part of Santa Cruz Island. Only a limited number of guided hikes are offered on the three-quarters of the island managed by the Nature Conservancy. Hiking trails start at the cobblestone beach, which is visited regularly by Island Packers. Pit toilets available. A three-and-a-half-mile trail leads to Del Norte Camp, with four campsites; no running water. Prisoners Harbor and Scorpion Beach are linked by trail, making possible a long backpacking trip from one landing to the other.



Ranger station, San Miguel Island

Santa Rosa Island



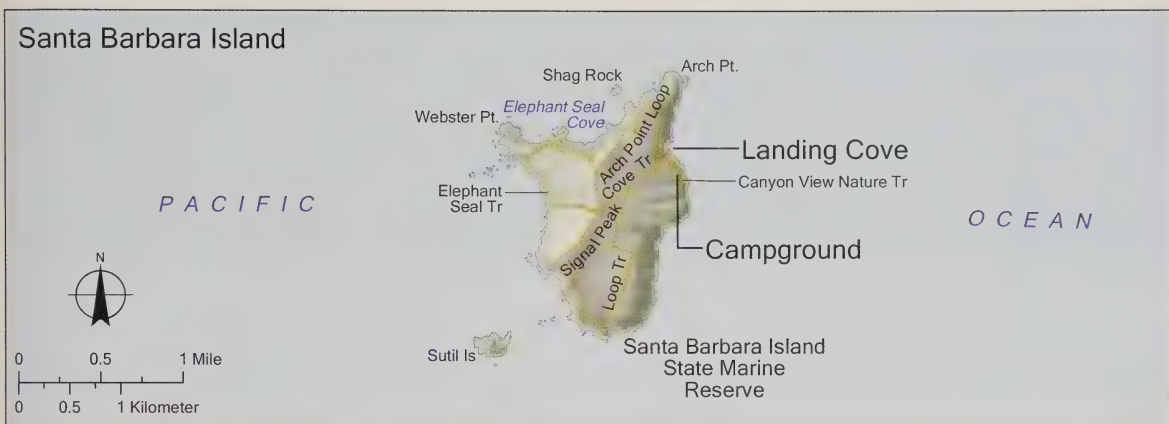
Santa Cruz Island



Anacapa Island



Santa Barbara Island



SMUGGLERS COVE: 3.5 mi. S. of Scorpion Beach, Santa Cruz Island. A visit requires either a strenuous seven-mile roundtrip hike or a lengthy kayak trip from Scorpion Beach. Pit toilets only; no camping.

LANDING COVE: N.E. end of East Anacapa Island. Bounded by high, sheer volcanic cliffs, the island is difficult for boat landings; Landing Cove is one of the only places to gain access to Anacapa Island. There are actually three small isles: West, Middle, and East Anacapa, the only one with any facilities. Landing Cove has a pulley to take kayaks in and out of the water and is a popular location for divers.

Ranger station, a small visitor center, and picnic area. The small size of East Anacapa Island (actually part of Ventura County) makes it a good choice for day visitors seeking an introduction to the Channel Islands. From May through July, East Anacapa

is home to a thriving western gull breeding colony, which dominates the sights and sounds of the somewhat barren island.

CAMPGROUND: .5 mi. S.W. of Landing Cove, East Anacapa Island. Seven campsites, each with picnic table and food locker. There are pit toilets, but no water on the island. The site offers little shelter from the elements; camping is most popular with divers or kayakers who plan to embark at Landing Cove.

LANDING COVE: N.E. end of Santa Barbara Island. No beaches on the island, but a five-mile network of trails. The spring months offer beautiful wildflower displays.

■ Snorkel or dive near the landing cove

CAMPGROUND: .5 mi. S. of Landing Cove, Santa Barbara Island. Eight campsites near the landing; no water available.



Cathedral Cove, East Anacapa Island

Get Away to an Island



View south to offshore rocks from Santa Cruz Island

SOUTH OF POINT CONCEPTION, within the area of ocean known as the Southern California Bight, lie California's eight Channel Islands. All but two are accessible; San Nicolas and San Clemente Islands are used for military purposes and are off-limits to visitors.

Channel Islands National Park comprises Santa Barbara, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Anacapa, and the eastern portion of Santa Cruz Island. A visit to Channel Islands National Park is easily accomplished but requires planning, due to the islands' remote locations and sparse facilities. Information is available at the **Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center** at Ventura Harbor; call: 805-658-5730. Camping reservations for all islands are required; call: 1-800-365-2267. Virtually everything visitors will want must be brought along; water is available at only two locations, **Scorpion Beach** campground on Santa Cruz Island and the **Santa Rosa Island Campground**. Campers and day visitors should familiarize themselves with facilities available at their destination. Visitors to San Miguel Island land by skiff on the beach and should dress for getting wet. Boat visitors to the other islands must climb up steel-rung ladders at the landings. From **Ventura Harbor** or **Channel Islands Harbor** in Ventura County, the concessionaire called **Island Packers** offers boat trips to all

five islands of **Channel Islands National Park**. Trips to the closer islands, Anacapa and Santa Cruz, are offered year round, weather permitting. Longer trips to San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Barbara Islands are available from spring through fall. **Island Packers** transports campers and their supplies to the islands and also offers trips out and back for the day, as well as non-landing wildlife cruises. For information, call: 805-642-1393. Boat reservations are recommended well in advance, especially in summer and for visitors transporting gear. Kayak rentals are not available on the islands and must be pre-arranged; kayakers should be prepared for rough, windy ocean conditions. Surfing is possible at various remote points around the islands; surfing sites are best reached by private boat.

From **Santa Barbara Harbor**, the concessionaire called **Truth Aquatics** offers a variety of excursions to **Channel Islands National Park**. Activities include hiking, camping, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding. Diving excursions are also available, including offshore from the southern islands of San Nicolas and San Clemente, where visitors are not allowed to land. For information, call: 805-963-3564.

Most easily reached of all the Channel Islands is Santa Catalina, known simply as Catalina. Passenger ferries have multiple daily departures, year round, from **Catalina Terminal**

in San Pedro and Catalina Landing in Long Beach, both in Los Angeles County, and from the Balboa Pavilion in Newport Beach and the Catalina Express Terminal at Dana Point Harbor, both in Orange County. Most boats land at the town of Avalon; some serve the hamlet of Two Harbors. There is also scheduled helicopter service from San Pedro and Long Beach, and private and chartered planes land at Catalina's Airport-in-the-Sky.

Avalon is a compact, walkable town, with hotels, restaurants, and varied attractions. Outside the town, the island's terrain rises sharply. The Hermit Gulch Trail leads from Avalon to the interior of the island, climbing some 1,500 feet within three miles. The Trans Catalina Trail extends the length of the island, from Avalon to Parson's Landing Campground, 26 miles away. To explore the island's trails outside Avalon, free same-day hiking permits are required; apply in person at 125 Clarissa Ave. between 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM daily (310-510-2595), at Airport-in-the-Sky (310-510-0143), or at Two Harbors (310-510-4205). To explore by bicycle outside Avalon, obtain a required bike permit (fee applies) at one of the same three locations. Bring your own mountain bike (check with the ferry operator for fees) or rent one on the island; helmets must be worn. Brown's Bikes rents mountain bikes, electric bikes, and strollers; call: 310-510-0986. Catalina Auto & Bike rents golf carts; call: 310-510-0111.

Vendors offering excursions include the Santa Catalina Island Company (1-800-322-3434) and Catalina Adventure Tours (877-510-2888). The Safari Bus runs from Avalon to Two Harbors with stops at Airport-in-the-Sky and other points; call: 310-510-4205. You can bring a bicycle on the Safari Bus; an extra fee applies. The Wildlands Express shuttle bus links Avalon to Airport-in-the-Sky; call: 310-510-0143. Bring plenty of drinking water, however you plan to explore, and note that pets are not allowed in the interior of the island or in any campground, and smoking is allowed only in designated areas.

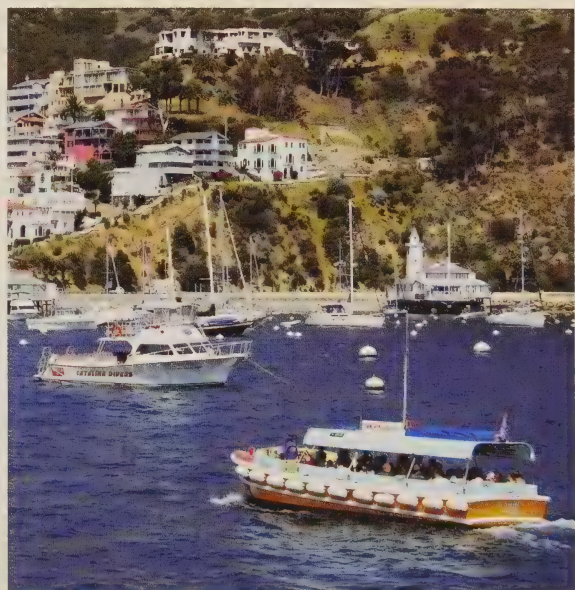
In San Francisco Bay, Alcatraz Island and Angel Island State Park offer numerous attractions and are easy to get to. Located within the city limits of San Francisco, although some 27 miles from the Golden Gate, are the rocky Farallon Islands. The islands are designated as the Farallon National Wildlife Refuge and are not accessible to visitors.



Alcatraz Island, San Francisco Bay

The Oceanic Society offers wildlife-watching excursions into the Gulf of the Farallones that may offer views of the islands, however, along with seabirds and gray, blue, and humpback whales. Conditions can be windy, and visitors should be prepared for rough seas. For information, call: 415-474-3385.

Also inaccessible to visitors, but highly visible, are some 20,000 islets, rocks, and sea stacks scattered just offshore California's coast. These rocky features lie within the California Coastal National Monument, which provides protection for their scenic qualities and habitat values. On a visit to the coast bring binoculars or a spotting scope to be rewarded with views of sea lions, harbor seals, or perhaps some nesting common murrelets or pigeon guillemots.



Avalon Bay, Santa Catalina Island





Dawn, Promenade Park, San Buenaventura

VENTURA COUNTY

THE COASTLINE of Ventura County is divided into three segments. The northern and southern sections are bounded by mountains of the Transverse Ranges, which rise abruptly from the sea, leaving a narrow shelf along the water's edge. In the middle reach of the county's coastline is the broad Oxnard Plain, a rich agricultural area; very wide sandy beaches extend along the shore. The plain is punctuated by **Ventura Harbor** and **Channel Islands Harbor**, with extensive boating and water-oriented recreational facilities.

Take a surfing lesson

Ventura County beaches feature a variety of surfing conditions suitable for many abilities and provide a good setting for learners. Surfclass offers summer surf camps for young people 6–17 years of age as well as private lessons for all ages. Instruction is available for those with disabilities. Programs are conducted at locations that include **Surfer's Point** in the city of San Buenaventura. For information, see: www.surfclass.com. Paddy Bex Surf School offers women's surf clinics and private and group lessons year round; call: 805-653-7873.

Ride a bicycle

From downtown San Buenaventura, bicycle routes fan out to the west, north, and south-east. From W. Main St. a bicycle path leads west across the Ventura River bridge along old Pacific Coast Hwy. to Santa Barbara County, a distance of 12 miles. The Ventura River Trail, a paved bicycle path, extends from W. Main St. at N. Olive St. in San Buenaventura along the river a distance of six miles to sycamore-shaded Foster Park, which offers picnicking on the grass, fishing, and camping. From Foster Park, the bicycle path continues as the Ojai Valley Trail another 11 miles to the scenic town of Ojai. The Omer Rains Trail leads east from the mouth of the Ventura River along the shoreline promenade to **San Buenaventura State Beach** and beyond. Wheel Fun Tours, located just east of the **Ventura Pier**, rents bicycles and provides route maps for self-guided tours to Ojai and other destinations; call: 805-650-7770.

Camp next to the beach

The Ventura County coast offers ample opportunities for RV camping only feet from the



View from Inspiration Point, East Anacapa Island

sand. On the northern coast of the county, no-frills camping is allowed along the shoulder of old Pacific Coast Hwy., known as the Rincon Parkway, and also at Emma Wood State Beach. Self-contained RVs only are permitted at both locations. Hobson Beach County Park and Faria County Park accommodate tent campers and RVs close to the beach and provide additional amenities. Farther east along the Ventura County coast, McGrath State Beach and Point Mugu State Park include campgrounds near the shore.

Plan an island excursion

Before setting out for the Channel Islands, stop in to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center at Ventura Harbor. The visitor center offers interpretive exhibits and programs, a tidepool display, native plant garden, bookstore, and a picnic area. Island Packers, a concessionaire located near the visitor center, provides transportation to the islands of the national park; for information, call: 805-382-1779. The National Park Service offers free guided hikes on the islands on days that

Island Packers provides transportation. If your travel plans do not include the islands themselves, Live Dive underwater video programs are transmitted from Anacapa Island during the summertime. During the programs, a diver equipped with a video camera and microphone explores the kelp forest near the island, while visitors on shore view the surroundings. Archived programs are also available when a Live Dive is not scheduled.

Other attractions

The city of San Buenaventura is located on a long curve of sandy shoreline, an easy walk from a revitalized downtown that features a Spanish Colonial mission church, museums, and shops. The Museum of Ventura County at 100 E. Main St. maintains collections of fine arts, historical photographs, and baskets made by the Chumash Native Americans, along with a museum store. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM; call: 805-653-0323. Next to the old mission is the Albinger Archaeological Museum at 113 E. Main Street. Exhibits cover

3,500 years of Ventura history; long before the Spanish founded the original mission here in 1782, a Chumash village called Shisholop existed near the mouth of the Ventura River. For information, call: 805-648-5823. The Ventura Visitors Center is located at 101 S. California St.; call: 805-648-2075.

The Port of Hueneme is the only deepwater harbor between San Francisco and San Pedro. During World War II, the U.S. Navy took over the port, and 200,000 military personnel shipped out of Port Hueneme. After the war, the Oxnard Harbor District reacquired part of the harbor, and the Port of Hueneme is now a leading port for import and export of automobiles and other rolling stock, and for export of citrus fruit. Public tours of the port can be arranged; call: 805-488-3677.

Hueneme, pronounced “why-nee-mee,” is derived from a Chumash word meaning “half-way” or “resting place.” The place to which the name is applied is midway between Point Mugu and the mouth of the Santa Clara River; it is also the closest place on the mainland to the Channel Islands (the tip of Anacapa Island lies 11 miles away). The Port Hueneme Historical Museum, at 220 N. Market St., is open weekdays from 9 AM to 3 PM; call: 805-488-2023. The Point Hueneme Lighthouse, built in 1874 and rebuilt in 1941 in Moderne architectural style,



RV camping, Rincon Parkway

is open to visitors on the third Saturday of each month from February through October, 10 AM to 3 PM. The lighthouse, which is operational, is located on property of the Port of Hueneme and is a half-mile walk from Surfside Dr. at Ventura Rd. in the city of Port Hueneme; see: www.huenemelight.org.



Campground, Faria County Park



La Conchita Beach

Ventura County
Ventura County North

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Rincon Point	•	•														•	•		
Coastal Trail			•	•													•		
La Conchita Beach	•		•	•													•		
Mussel Shoals Beach			•					•									•		
Beacon's Beach	•	•	•						•								•		
Hobson Beach County Park	•	•		•				•	•			•	•			•	•	•	



Rincon Point

RINCON POINT: *Off Hwy. 101, S. of Bates Rd.* Exit Hwy. 101 at Bates Rd. and turn seaward to two beach accessways: turn right to Santa Barbara County's Rincon Beach County Park, or turn left to a parking lot on the Ventura County side where a path leads to a cobble and sand beach.

- Major surfing spot

COASTAL TRAIL: *Seaward of Hwy. 101 from Rincon Point to Beacon's Beach.* A multi-use trail along the shoreline, part of the California Coastal Trail, is being constructed in conjunction with major highway improvements to be completed by 2016. Stairs or ramps from the Coastal Trail will provide beach access at several locations, including Rincon Point, a mile south of Rincon Point, La Conchita Beach, a site just north of Mussel

Shoals, and at Beacon's Beach. Pedestrian undercrossings from the inland side of the highway are also planned at several locations, including La Conchita Beach, a point one-half mile south of Mussel Shoals (with a large parking area inland of Hwy. 101), and Beacon's Beach.

LA CONCHITA BEACH: *Along Hwy. 101 between Rincon Point and Mussel Shoals.* Following highway reconstruction, beach access will be available via a pedestrian undercrossing beneath Hwy. 101 from the La Conchita community. Access to La Conchita Beach will also be available from the Coastal Trail.

MUSSEL SHOALS BEACH: *W. of old Pacific Coast Hwy., Mussel Shoals.* Pedestrian shoreline access is available at the west end of Ocean Ave., but there is very

limited public parking in the Mussel Shoals community. Following highway reconstruction, beach access will also be available from the Coastal Trail both north and south of Mussel Shoals.

BEACON'S BEACH: *N. end of old Pacific Coast Hwy., S. of Mussel Shoals.* A long sandy beach is north of the community of Sea Cliff. Beach access is from old Pacific Coast Hwy., now a dead-end road that runs along the inland side of the Hwy. 101 freeway; use the Sea Cliff freeway exit. A pedestrian underpass will be located a mile north of the Sea Cliff freeway exit, and a large new parking area inland of Hwy. 101 will be constructed as part of highway reconstruction. A vehicle underpass beneath Hwy. 101 also provides beach access from old Pacific Coast Highway.

HOBSON BEACH COUNTY PARK: *Off old Pacific Coast Hwy., just S. of Sea Cliff.* Tent and RV camping in a palm grove by a beach. There are 31 tightly packed campsites with full hookups; hot showers available. No reservations are taken, except for off-season dates; call: 805-654-3951. No fee for day-use parking, but spaces are very limited.

- Surf fishing
- Surfing
- Tidepooling



Mondos



Ventura County

Rincon Parkway to Ventura River

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Rincon Parkway	•	•	•	•	•				•	•						•	•	•	
Faria County Park	•	•			•				•			•	•			•	•	•	
Mondos	•															•			
Emma Wood State Beach	•				•				•	•						•	•	•	
Emma Wood Group Camp	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•			•	•	•	
Seaside Wilderness Park			•					•		•									

RINCON PARKWAY: *Old Pacific Coast Hwy., between Hobson Beach and Faria Beach County Parks.* Camping for up to 127 fully self-contained RVs is allowed along the seawall; no reservations taken. No tent camping or day-use parking allowed. A bicycle path runs between the roadway and the campsites. Upcoast from the RV camping area, day-use parking is allowed on the road shoulder, 7 AM–9 PM.

FARIA COUNTY PARK: *Old Pacific Coast Hwy. at Pitas Point.* Compact park with 42 tent or trailer campsites, some with hookups; no reservations taken. Hot showers and a concession stand are available. The park may be closed during heavy storms. No fee for day use, but parking is very limited.

- Surf fishing
- Tidepooling

MONDOS: *Along old Pacific Coast Hwy., between two parts of Faria community.* A cove known to surfers as Mondos is between two groups of residences in the Faria Beach community. Shoulder parking on the inland side of the highway only, 7 AM–9 PM; use caution while crossing. No facilities. A beach stairway over the seawall is 500 feet north of the Solimar community, and there is informal access over the riprap south of Solimar.

- Surfing

EMMA WOOD STATE BEACH: *S. end of old Pacific Coast Hwy., N. of West Main St., Ventura.* Between the ocean and the railroad tracks are 90 campsites



Emma Wood Group Camp

for fully self-contained vehicles only; no tent camping. Vehicles are limited to 40 feet in length; sites are not level. No water or electricity available. Park gates are open daily, 6 AM–10 PM. Leashed dogs are allowed in the campground only. Between mid-May and Labor Day, camping is by reservation only; call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-968-1033. Upcoast of Emma Wood State Beach there is limited shoulder parking along old Pacific Coast Hwy. for day use.

EMMA WOOD GROUP CAMP: *Off Main St., W. of the Ventura River bridge, Ventura.* Despite its name, this facility offers day use as well

as group camping and hike or bike campsites. Camping reservations are required year round; call 1-800-444-7275. Two paths lead to the shoreline; one uses an at-grade railroad crossing and the other uses an underpass.

- Anglers catch surfperch, cabezon, and California corbina
- Common dolphins and Pacific white-sided dolphins may be seen offshore
- Shoreline bicycle path is adjacent

SEASIDE WILDERNESS PARK: *Seaward of Hwy. 101, W. of the Ventura River, Ventura.* An undeveloped, somewhat remote area with pedestrian access from Emma Wood Group Camp.



San Buenaventura State Beach

Ventura County

San Buenaventura

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Omer Rains Trail			•	•						•			•	•			•		
Ventura County Fairgrounds Beach	•	•	•	•														•	•
Surfer's Point at Seaside Park	•	•	•	•		•				•			•	•			•	•	
Promenade Park	•		•	•						•			•	•			•	•	
Ventura Pier									•	•		•	•				•	•	•
San Buenaventura State Beach	•		•	•		•			•	•		•	•				•	•	•

OMER RAINS TRAIL: *Along the shoreline from Ventura River to San Buenaventura State Beach. The paved multi-use path starts at a parking lot on W. Main St. on the east bank of the Ventura River. The trail runs southeast along the shoreline, past the Ventura Pier through San Buenaventura State Beach. From W. Main St. in Ventura a bicycle path also leads west across the Ventura River bridge, along old Pacific Coast Hwy. to the Santa Barbara County line, a distance of 12 miles. The Ventura River Trail runs from Olive St. one block north of W. Main St. toward Ojai.*

VENTURA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BEACH: *Between the Ventura River and Surfer's Point at Seaside Park, Ventura. Take Figueroa St. south to its end, then head west; fee for parking. The beach is accessible also from Surfer's Point or along the Omer Rains Trail. The Ventura County Fair runs annually in late summer; other events are held frequently.*

- Surfing
- Kitesurfing

SURFER'S POINT AT SEASIDE PARK: *Foot of Figueroa St., Ventura. The beach is a mix of sand and cobbles. Picnic facilities are set among lawns and palm trees.*

- Surfing

PROMENADE PARK: *From foot of Figueroa St. E. to San Buenaventura State Beach, Ventura. A long, narrow park with a concrete walkway and bike path; benches, tables, and ramps lead to the beach. Park at Surfer's Point,*

in the parking structure at the foot of California St., or in the lot east of the Ventura Pier.

- Bicycling

VENTURA PIER: *E. of the foot of California St., Ventura. The 1,700-foot-long pier is located within San Buenaventura State Beach. The wooden pier is wheelchair accessible, although the rough planks are bumpy; open 7 AM–sunset. Fee parking is at the foot of California St. and San Buenaventura State Beach.*

- Pier fishing
- Interpretive panels and photos
- Bicycle rental kiosk is on the east side of the pier: call: 805-650-7770

SAN BUENAVENTURA STATE BEACH: *From the Ventura Pier S. to Marina Park, Ventura. Wide sandy beach with picnic areas set among expansive lawns; large parking lots. Yellow beach umbrellas are rented seasonally near the foot of San Jon Road. Beach access is also available at the end of Seaward Ave., where there is a small, time-limited parking lot, restrooms, and a beach shower; and at 24 residential street ends between San Pedro St. and Marina Park. For state beach information, call: 805-968-1033.*

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Beach volleyball standards are at San Pedro Street



Promenade Park, San Buenaventura



Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, Ventura Harbor



Ventura County

Ventura Harbor Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Marina Park	•					•		•	•		•	•			•	•		
Ventura Harbor Boat Launch						•							•	•	•			
Ventura Harbor	•		•			•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center							•			•	•	•			•	•		
Harbor Cove Beach	•				•					•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Surfer's Knoll	•	•			•		•				•	•			•	•		
McGrath State Beach	•	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•			•	•	•	•

MARINA PARK: *S. end of Pierpont Blvd., Ventura.* Access is available to both a sheltered harbor beach and an ocean beach. There are picnic sites and an unusual ship play structure. Call: 805-652-4550.

- Dock for fishing and hand-launching of boats
- Sand volleyball

VENTURA HARBOR BOAT LAUNCH: *Anchors Way Dr., Ventura Harbor.* Six-lane boat ramp is open 24 hours a day; no launching fee, but vehicles must obtain a parking permit from the dispenser. Dump station for boats available.

- Picnic tables overlook the harbor
- Store offers bait and marine fuel

VENTURA HARBOR: *W. of Harbor Blvd. at Anchors Way Dr., Ventura.* The harbor is home to several marinas and a range of services; for information on all

harbor facilities, see: www.venturaharbor.com, or call: 805-642-8538. Ventura Harbor Village on Spinnaker Dr. includes restaurants, shops, a carousel and game arcade, and waterfront walkways.

- Boat rentals
- Sailing charters and lessons
- Stand-up paddleboard equipment and instruction
- Diving excursions to the Channel Islands

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK VISITOR CENTER: *End of Spinnaker Dr., Ventura Harbor.* The primary mainland center for information about Channel Islands National Park houses interpretive exhibits, tidepool display, native plant garden, bookstore, and a picnic area overlooking Ventura Harbor. Open daily, except Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are also Channel Islands National Park visitor centers on the islands of Anacapa and Santa Barbara.

■ Island Packers, located in the harbor near the visitor center, provides transportation to the national park; call: 805-382-1779

HARBOR COVE BEACH: *Spinnaker Dr., Ventura Harbor.* Jetties shelter this swimming beach, which has summer life-guard service provided by the city of San Buenaventura. Outside the breakwater is a wide sandy beach where rip currents can be hazardous; swimming not advised.

SURFER'S KNOLL: *Spinnaker Dr., Ventura Harbor.* A wide, sandy beach extends south to the mouth of the Santa Clara River. Off-street parking and restrooms are west of Spinnaker Dr. opposite Ventura Harbor Village.

- Surfing
- Good birding east of the beach near the city's water reclamation ponds

MCGRATH STATE BEACH: *Along Harbor Blvd., 1.2 mi. S. of Spinnaker Drive.* Two miles of very wide sandy beach, with day use and camping. There are 174 family, group, and hike or bike campsites. To reserve a beach wheelchair, call: 805-648-3321. For camping reservations (available summer only), call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 805-968-1033. Flooding sometimes results in park closure.

- Surfing
- Surf fishing
- Birding at the Santa Clara Estuary Natural Preserve



Ventura Harbor



Silver Strand Beach

Ventura County
Oxnard Area

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mandalay Beach Park	•							•									•		
Oxnard Shores	•																•		
Oxnard Beach Park	•	•	•							•		•	•			•	•	•	
Peninsula Park						•				•	•		•			•	•		
Hollywood Beach	•				•								•			•	•		
Ventura County Maritime Museum						•					•		•			•	•	•	
Channel Islands Harbor		•				•	•	•				•	•			•	•	•	•
Silver Strand Beach	•									•			•			•	•	•	

MANDALAY BEACH PARK: *End of W. 5th St., W. of Harbor Blvd., Oxnard.* This County of Ventura open-space park includes beach and dunes north of W. 5th Street. On-street parking; no facilities. The power plant facility to the north is private property; do not trespass.

- Fishing
- Surfing
- Birding

OXNARD SHORES: *W. of Mandalay Beach Rd., S. of W. 5th St., Oxnard.* Among residences are two public beach areas: along Neptune Square and along Mandalay Beach Rd. between W. 5th St. and Channel Way. Public beach access is also available between homes at several signed locations. On-street parking; no facilities.

OXNARD BEACH PARK: *W. of Harbor Blvd., 1 mi. S. of W. 5th St., Oxnard.* Palm-shaded lawns with picnic areas adjoin a dune field and sandy beach. A wheelchair-accessible paved path leads to an oceanview picnic area. Fee parking.

PENINSULA PARK: *Peninsula Rd., .5 mi. S. of Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard.* Boat dock and picnic area; off-street parking available.

- Tennis courts are adjacent

HOLLYWOOD BEACH: *Along Ocean Dr., between Channel Islands Blvd. and San Miguel Ave., Oxnard.* A very wide white-sand beach is reached via street ends along Ocean Drive. A small parking

lot is at Ocean Dr. and S. Harbor Boulevard. Lifeguards are on duty during the summer.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball

VENTURA COUNTY MARITIME MUSEUM: *3900 Bluefin Circle, Oxnard.* The museum's collections include outstanding paintings of maritime subjects, including battle scenes and works by 17th-century Dutch and Flemish artists, and historic ship models. Open daily except major holidays, 11 AM–5 PM. Call: 805-984-6260.

CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR: *W. of Victoria Ave., S. of Channel Islands Blvd., Oxnard.* The harbor houses nine marinas with berths for 2,150 boats, boat ramps and hoists, commercial fishing facilities, and shops and restaurants. No-reservation guest boat slips are available; for information, contact the harbor patrol or call: 805-382-3007. A neighborhood park off Wooley Rd. one-quarter mile east of Harbor Blvd. has public parking; paths ring

the harbor. Additional public parking is off Wooley Rd. a quarter-mile west of Victoria Avenue. For Channel Islands Harbor visitor information and a list of recreational vendors, see: www.channelislandsharbor.org.

- Kayak rentals
- Sport-fishing trips are available from Channel Islands Sport Fishing (805-382-1612) and Hook's Sport Fishing (805-382-6233)
- Whale-watching and wildlife excursions available from Island Packers; call: 805-382-1779
- Island Packers also provides transportation to Channel Islands National Park

SILVER STRAND BEACH: *Along Ocean Dr., S. of San Nicholas Ave., Oxnard.* Wide sandy beach. Parking is at the end of San Nicholas Ave.; a paved path overlooks the entrance to Channel Islands Harbor. Another parking lot is at Sawtelle Avenue.

- Swimming
- Stand-up paddleboarding



Oxnard Beach Park



U.S. Navy Seabee Museum



Ventura County

Port Hueneme Area

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U.S. Navy Seabee Museum											•		•	•			•	•	
Port Hueneme Beach Park	•		•	•					•	•			•	•		•	•	•	•
Port Hueneme Fishing Pier									•			•	•				•	•	
Ormond Beach	•		•					•										•	
Bubbling Springs Park			•	•						•	•		•	•			•	•	

U.S. NAVY SEABEE MUSEUM: *W. side of Ventura Rd., .4 mi. S. of Channel Islands Blvd., Port Hueneme.* Enter the museum parking area from southbound Ventura Rd., just north of the entrance to Naval Base Ventura County opposite Sunkist Street. The museum houses exhibits about the history of the Naval Construction Battalion, or "Seabees," and the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps. During World War II, Port Hueneme was a major embarkation point for Seabees serving in the Pacific theater. A gift shop is on site. Open Monday–Saturday, 9 AM–4 PM, and Sunday, noon–4 PM. Call: 805-982-5167.

PORT HUENEME BEACH PARK: *S. end of Ventura Rd., Port Hueneme.* A very broad sandy beach is located seaward of Surfside Dr.; seasonal life-guard service is available. Picnic sites with barbecue grills are set in a grassy area and along the beach. Pay-station parking; some parking spots are open 24 hours for use by pier anglers. Leashed dogs are allowed inland of the beach but not on the sand. For park information, call: 805-986-6555. At the north end of the park is a memorial to those lost at sea off Ventura County in 2000 on Alaska Airlines flight #261.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball
- A paved pedestrian and bike path runs along the edge of the beach
- Hueneme Beach Festival takes place here annually; see: www.huenemebeachfest.org

PORT HUENEME FISHING PIER: *Port Hueneme Beach Park, Port Hueneme.* The 1,240-foot-long Port Hueneme Pier is lighted and open 24 hours. There are cutting tables with sinks and a bait shop with fishing supplies. Once T-shaped, the pier lost its outer end in storms in the 1990s; reconstruction took place subsequently. Fee parking is adjacent.

- Pier fishing

ORMOND BEACH: *Foot of Perkins Rd., S. of Port Hueneme.* At the end of Perkins Rd. is a parking area and sandspit overlooking wetland channels and Ormond Beach, an open space area without developed

facilities. The waterways block direct access to the ocean beach; instead, walk south along the shore from Port Hueneme Beach Park, a half-mile away. Informal beach access is also available from the foot of Arnold Road.

- Naturalist-led walks are offered by the Nature Conservancy; for information, call: 805-258-7212

BUBBLING SPRINGS PARK: *Bard Rd. .5 mi. E. of N. Ventura Rd., Port Hueneme.* A landscaped inland park with picnic areas and ballfields.

- A bike path runs one and a half miles along a landscaped channel to Port Hueneme Beach Park



Port Hueneme Fishing Pier



County Line Beach

Ventura County
Point Mugu to Los Angeles
County Line

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mugu Lagoon									•										
Point Mugu Beach	•	•								•						•	•	•	
Point Mugu State Park	•	•	•		•				•	•			•			•	•	•	
Thornhill Broome Beach	•	•			•					•			•			•	•	•	
La Jolla Valley			•		•				•							•	•	•	
Sycamore Canyon Campground					•								•	•		•	•	•	
Sycamore Cove and Beach	•									•			•			•	•	•	
County Line Beach	•	•							•	•						•	•		
Staircase Beach	•	•	•						•	•						•	•		

MUGU LAGOON: *Naval Base Ventura County, N. of Point Mugu Rock.* The lagoon is within the Navy's Pacific Missile Test Center.

- Group wildlife tours can be arranged; call the Public Affairs office: 805-989-9234

POINT MUGU BEACH: *At Point Mugu Rock, off Pacific Coast Hwy.* Sandy beach with pay-station parking lot. Lifeguard towers are staffed in summer; lifeguards patrol year round. One half-mile farther east is a pull-out with access to a narrow rocky beach.

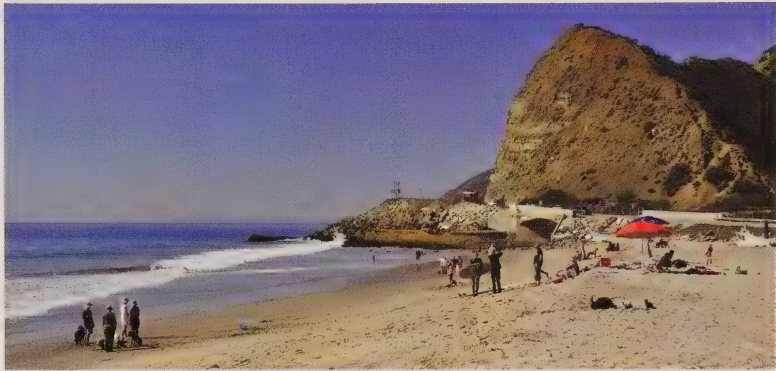
- Swimming

POINT MUGU STATE PARK: *Point Mugu E. to Sycamore Canyon.* The park includes five miles of coastline along with inland valleys and peaks. For park information, call: 310-457-8143.

- Camping
- Hiking

THORNHILL BROOME BEACH: *Off Pacific Coast Hwy., 1.5 mi. S. of Point Mugu Rock.* There are 68 primitive campsites, part of Point Mugu State Park. Bring your own water. Day-use parking, the La Jolla Canyon trailhead, and a tent-only group camp are on the inland side of Pacific Coast Highway. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 310-457-8143.

LA JOLLA VALLEY: *Inland of Point Mugu and Thornhill Broome Beach.* The Chumash Trail into La Jolla Valley starts at Pacific



Sycamore Cove and Beach, Point Mugu State Park

Coast Hwy. one half-mile west of Point Mugu. Twelve walk-in campsites are located two miles inland; register first at Thornhill Broome Beach campground.

SYCAMORE CANYON CAMPGROUND: *Inland of Pacific Coast Hwy. at Sycamore Cove.* In a shady grove are 58 drive-in campsites with picnic tables; some sites are wheelchair accessible. Group campsites and hike or bike sites also available. Running water, pay showers, and RV dump station available. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 310-457-8143.

- A trailhead for exploring the inland areas of Point Mugu State Park is located here

SYCAMORE COVE AND BEACH: *Off Pacific Coast Hwy., 4.5 mi. S. of Point Mugu Rock.* A sandy beach is opposite Big Sycamore Canyon; picnic areas are among the trees. To reserve a beach wheelchair, call: 805-488-1827.

For Point Mugu State Park information, call: 310-457-8143. Along Pacific Coast Hwy. to the east are several signed coastal access points, including one at Deer Creek Road.

- Swimming
- Body surfing
- Surf fishing

COUNTY LINE BEACH: *Seaward of Pacific Coast Hwy. at Yerba Buena Road.* Unpaved parking area with chemical toilets; not actually at the county line.

- Surfing
- Kitesurfing

STAIRCASE BEACH: *40000 Pacific Coast Hwy., .5 mi. S. of Yerba Buena Rd. and .5 mi. N. of Los Angeles County line.* The street number marks the parking lot; cobble and sand beaches are below the bluff. Additional beach access points are a quarter-mile and a half-mile east of Staircase Beach. Call: 818-880-0350.

Explore Your Watershed



Ventura River at Foster Park, Ventura County

THE VENTURA RIVER rises in the Santa Ynez Mountains north of San Buenaventura. Rain that falls over some 220 square miles of mountains, canyons, and valleys feeds the river. About half of the river's drainage area, or watershed, lies within the Los Padres National Forest, much of it rugged, undeveloped territory vegetated with forest, chaparral, and grassland. Riparian woodlands grow along the stream banks. Farther downstream within the Ventura River watershed are the agricultural Ojai Valley and the communities of Ojai, Meiners Oaks, and Oak View.

A key wildlife resource of the Ventura River system is the southern California steelhead. The steelhead is an anadromous fish, meaning that it hatches in freshwater streams, spends its adult life in the ocean, and then returns to fresh water to spawn. The population of southern California steelhead are distinct from others found along the West Coast as far north as Alaska. Steelhead returning to spawn in the Ventura River system once numbered 5,000 or more, but as the river's water quality and quantity have suffered from urban development, and as dams have blocked fish passage, steelhead have declined dramatically.

In 1997 the southern California steelhead was listed as a federally endangered species.

The Ventura River and its tributaries carry not only fish but also grains of sand that are swept downstream by winter rains. Where the stream joins the ocean, sand particles drop out of suspension, forming a river delta. Ocean waves sort and stir up these sand particles and carry many of them along the shore, nourishing coastal beaches.

The 200-foot-high Matilija Dam, located some 16 miles inland, is one of several obstructions to fish passage and sediment movement in the Ventura River watershed. After the dam was built in the 1940s, sediment soon accumulated behind it, leaving little room for water storage. Some six million cubic yards of sediment are trapped behind the dam, while the Matilija Dam, together with others on the Ventura River system, have cut off about half of the steelhead's historical spawning area. Removal of Matilija Dam has been recommended by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; dam removal would allow fish to reclaim much of their historic range and provide sand for Ventura County's recreational beaches.

Visitors can enjoy the Ventura River and learn about the river's role in the watershed, even as watershed restoration efforts continue. Start a bicycle tour near the mouth of the Ventura River on the **Omer Rains Trail**. At Olive St., a block north of Main St., proceed inland along the Ventura River Trail a distance of six miles to Foster Park, where there are shady picnic areas and campsites. At Foster Park, the Ventura River has the appearance of a mountain stream, strewn with rocks and boulders and lined with cottonwood and willow trees. From the park, the multi-use Ojai Valley Trail continues another 11 miles inland.

The Ojai Valley Trail leaves the bank of the Ventura River at the scenic town of Ojai, but at the Ventura River Preserve, at Rice Rd. near El Roblar Dr., there are trails along the river channel and into adjacent canyons. Slopes are vegetated with chaparral, and there are spring wildflowers. The preserve is managed by the nonprofit Ojai Valley Land Conservancy; for information, see: www.ovlc.org. Above the river are the steep slopes of the Santa Ynez Range, part of Los Padres National Forest. For information on recreational opportunities in the national forest, call: 805-968-6640.

Ventura County's other major coastal stream, the Santa Clara River, reaches the sea at **McGrath State Beach**. The Santa Clara River is southern California's largest river system, with a watershed of some 1,600 square miles. The river's headwaters are located well inland in the San Gabriel Mountains of Los Angeles County. Despite dams and diversions, the river maintains some characteristics typical of southern California streams, including extensive riparian vegetation along its lower banks and a broad floodplain near its mouth. The Santa Clara River Parkway project, undertaken

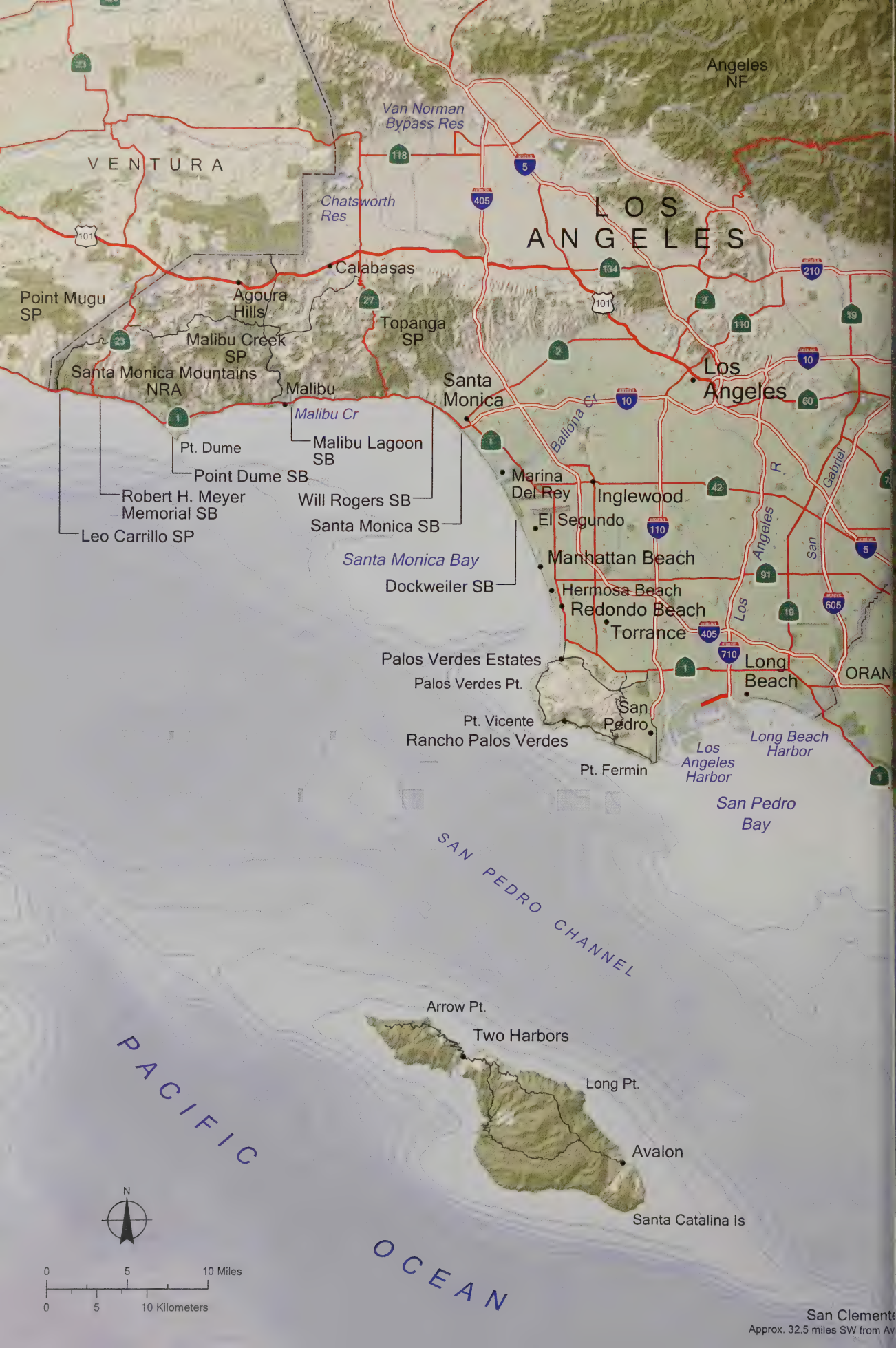
by the State Coastal Conservancy, includes the goal of conserving and restoring floodplain lands within the Santa Clara River corridor in a 25-mile-long stretch from the mouth to its confluence with Sespe Creek. For information, see: www.scc.ca.gov.

Public trails along some of California's coastal rivers provide recreation and the chance to view up close some of the functions of a watershed. The **San Gabriel River Trail** near the border of Los Angeles and Orange Counties follows the stream inland to the San Gabriel Mountains, more than 30 miles away. Starting at **San Dieguito Lagoon** in the San Diego County community of Del Mar is the Coast to Crest Trail, envisioned to follow the course of the San Dieguito River some 55 miles inland to its source in the Peninsular Range. Parts of the trail have been constructed; for information, see: www.sdrp.org. The planned **Santa Ana River Trail** will be even longer, extending 110 miles from the coast in Orange County to the San Bernardino Mountains; a 29-mile-long stretch starting at the mouth of the Santa Ana River is already in place. For information, see: www.santaanarivertrail.org.

More ambitious yet, perhaps, are efforts to enhance the watershed of the Los Angeles River and create a recreational corridor along its course. The river's watershed includes much of the heavily urbanized Los Angeles metropolitan area, and parts of the river have been converted to a concrete-lined channel upstream from where it flows into San Pedro Bay. Nevertheless, restoration efforts are proceeding, and in recent years kayakers have even paddled the river near downtown Los Angeles. For information about recreation and available bicycle paths bordering the river, see: www.lariver.org.



Mouth of San Gabriel River at Seal Beach in Orange County



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Santa Monica Mountains
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Malibu Lagoon
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Point Dume SB

Robert H. Meyer
Memorial SB

Will Rogers SB

Santa Monica SB

Leo Carrillo SP

Santa Monica Bay

Dockweiler SB

Palos Verdes Estates

Palos Verdes Pt.

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Rancho Palos Verdes

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El Segundo

Manhattan Beach

Hermosa Beach

Redondo Beach

Torrance

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San Clemente
Approx. 32.5 miles SW from Av



Malibu Creek State Park, Santa Monica Mountains

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

THE NATION'S MOST POPULOUS county, with some ten million residents, contains a string of well-known beaches along with a surprising amount of rugged country, even close to the urbanized coast. Enormous and wild **Topanga State Park** lies within the boundaries of the city of Los Angeles, not far from the popular beaches of Santa Monica Bay.

Explore the backcountry

The **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** includes over 150,000 acres of mountainous land and coastline in Los Angeles County and adjacent Ventura County. Interspersed with private lands are more than 70,000 acres of protected park lands, with management shared by the National Park Service, California State Parks, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Mountains

Recreation and Conservation Authority, local governments, and nonprofit entities.

The **Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area** stretches 46 miles from Point Mugu in Ventura County eastward to the Hollywood Bowl in Hollywood. Trail routes include the Backbone Trail, which runs along the mountains from **Thornhill Broome Beach** in Point Mugu State Park (Ventura County) to **Will Rogers State Historic Park** in Pacific Palisades. Completed segments of the trail can be accessed at many points, including **Zuma** and **Trancas Canyons**, **Malibu Creek State Park**, and **Topanga State Park**. The trail is open to hikers, and in some places accommodates equestrians and mountain bikers, as well as visitors with leashed dogs. For information, call: 805-370-2301.



Beach volleyball at Manhattan Beach

Enjoy a game of beach volleyball

The first beach volleyball courts reportedly were set up in Santa Monica as early as the 1920s. Sand volleyball courts are found now on many beaches in Los Angeles County and beyond. Recreational games are joined by varying numbers of players, although professional matches have just two players per side. **Manhattan Beach** plays a special role in the sport. The Manhattan Beach Open, which debuted in 1960, is perhaps the premier event on the professional beach volleyball tour. Winners are remembered by a volleyball-shaped bronze plaque mounted on the Volleyball Walk of Fame on the **Manhattan Beach Municipal Pier**. The annual tournament occurs usually in August and draws upwards of 60,000 fans to the beach near the pier. For information, see: www.avp.com.

Fish from a pier

Pier-fishing is possible at many sites along Santa Monica Bay and San Pedro Bay. Offshore from Redondo Beach is the Redondo Submarine Canyon, which extends ten miles southwesterly from the vicinity of the Redondo Beach Municipal Pier. The canyon provides ample depth for ocean-going vessels quite close to shore, contributing to

Redondo Beach's brief status in the late 19th century as the first port for Los Angeles, before facilities were built in San Pedro Bay.

King Harbor at Redondo Beach, completed in 1958 with a protective breakwater at the head of the submarine canyon, now serves primarily as a harbor for fishing and recreational boating. The Redondo Submarine Canyon brings nutrient-rich seawater from deep on the ocean floor to the nearshore coastal area, creating an area of enhanced marine biological production. The canyon also serves as a channel for pelagic (open ocean) species to migrate into the southern part of Santa Monica Bay, bringing a wide variety of fish, sharks, and marine mammals close to shore. From the **Monstad Pier**, anglers catch halibut, mackerel, bonito, and perch, as well as deepwater species that include hake, sanddabs, and some shark species.

Other fishing piers along Santa Monica Bay include those at **Malibu**, **Santa Monica**, **Venice**, **Manhattan Beach**, and **Hermosa Beach**. Along San Pedro Bay are the **Cabrillo Fishing Pier** at Cabrillo Beach and the **Belmont Veterans Memorial Pier** in Long Beach. Shoreline fishing is also possible at many sites along the county's shoreline.

View marine life off Catalina Island

Ocean waters on the leeward side of Catalina Island are exceptionally clear. A variety of marine creatures, including bright orange Garibaldi fish, are readily seen. There is good snorkeling in Lover's Cove, located east of Avalon Bay, and also at the Casino Point Marine Park near the Avalon Casino. Snorkel equipment can be rented from local vendors, including Wet Spot Rentals, which also rents glass-bottom kayaks (310-510-2229) and Catalina Snorkel and Scuba, located at Lover's Cove (310-510-8558). Diving and snorkeling trips and gear are available from vendors that include Scuba Luv (310-510-2350) and Catalina Divers Supply (310-510-0330). Kayaks, boats, paddleboards, and equipment can be rented from Joe's Rent-a-Boat; call: 310-510-0455. Glass-bottom boat tours are available from Catalina Adventure Tours; for information, call: 877-510-2888.

Visit a historic property

In the heart of the Santa Monica Mountains is King Gillette Ranch, once owned by razor blade tycoon King Gillette. Wallace Neff, a leading architect of the day, designed a Spanish Colonial-style mansion and out-buildings with spacious lawns for the site. The Anthony C. Beilenson Visitor Center, with exhibits about the Santa Monica Mountains,

now occupies the architect-designed stable, which has been beautifully restored.

Overlooking Malibu's Surfrider Beach is the gracious, Mediterranean-style Adamson House, constructed beginning in 1929. Now a museum, the house is lavishly decorated with tiles produced at Malibu Potteries, which operated from 1926 to 1932 and furnished Moorish-style tiles for many southern California buildings of the era.

The oceanfront compound once owned by film star Marion Davies, paramour of newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst, is now the Annenberg Community Beach House complex, a center for public recreation and cultural activities. Free tours of the Marion Davies Guest House are available, and there is public swimming in the 110-foot-long Italian marble swimming pool designed by architect Julia Morgan.

A delightful reminder of southern California's rural past is found at Rancho Los Alamitos, at 6400 Bixby Hill Rd. in eastern Long Beach. The site was occupied by Native Americans as early as about 500 A.D.; the adobe ranch house, surrounded by gardens, was built around 1800 by the Nieto family. There are farm animals and a working blacksmith shop, and docent-led or self-guided tours are available, Wednesday through Sunday, 1 PM to 5 PM. For information, call: 562-431-3541.



Monstad Pier, Redondo Beach



Leo Carrillo State Park

Los Angeles County
Leo Carrillo State Park
to Meyer Memorial Beaches

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
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LEO CARRILLO STATE PARK:
36000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu.
Long sandy beaches are on either side of Sequit Point. Beach wheelchair is available from a lifeguard. A volunteer-staffed visitor center is open on weekends, 10 AM–3 PM.

Campground includes 135 family campsites (one wheelchair accessible), hike or bike sites, and a group area. Hot showers (fee applies) and summertime campfire programs are available. Camp store is open year round, with variable hours. Leashed dogs allowed in the campground and on the beach, except between lifeguard towers 1 and 3. For park information, call: 310-457-8143. For camping reservations, call 1-800-444-7275.

- Swimming beach
- Clear waters draw divers and snorkelers
- Shore anglers catch kelp bass, surf perch, sheephead, halibut, and thresher shark
- Tidepools are at Sequit Point
- Trails lead inland along Willow Creek to the Nicholas Flat Natural Preserve

NICHOLAS CANYON COUNTY BEACH: 33850 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. A parking lot with over 150 spaces is located on the bluff; in summertime, a food truck is available. A stairway and wheelchair-accessible path lead down to the beach, also accessible along the sand from Leo Carrillo State Park. Park hours are 7 AM–10 PM. For park information, call: 310-305-9546.



El Matador State Beach

For recorded diving and surf report, call: 310-457-9701.

- Swimming beach
- Surfers know the site as Point Zero

EL PESCADOR STATE BEACH: 32900 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. El Pescador, La Piedra, and El Matador State Beaches together make up the Robert H. Meyer Memorial State Beach. At each site, a small parking lot and picnic area are on the bluff, and a non-wheelchair-accessible trail leads down to a sandy beach. Vehicle gates are open 8 AM–sunset. Call: 818-880-0363.

LA PIEDRA STATE BEACH: 32700 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Picnic area on the bluff, and a nine-acre sandy beach lies below.

EL MATADOR STATE BEACH: 32350 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. The largest of the three Robert H. Meyer Memorial State Beach units. A small parking lot and picnic area are on the bluff, with a path and stairway to the beach.

CHARMLEE WILDERNESS PARK: 2577 S. Encinal Canyon Rd., Malibu. Panoramic views, picnic area, and hiking and equestrian loop trails through meadows and oak woodlands. The sloping site is wheelchair accessible with assistance. Park is open 8 AM–dusk; Nature Center open Sat. and Sun., 9 AM–dusk. Fee for parking. Call: 310-457-7247.

- Garden of labeled California native plants
- Wildflower hikes and other programs offered; call: 310-317-1364

ARROYO SEQUIT: 34138 Mulholland Hwy., Malibu. Picnic area and a mile-and-a-half-long loop trail, part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Park entrance is on Mulholland Hwy. six miles from Pacific Coast Highway. Call: 818-597-9192.



Westward Beach



Los Angeles County

Point Dume

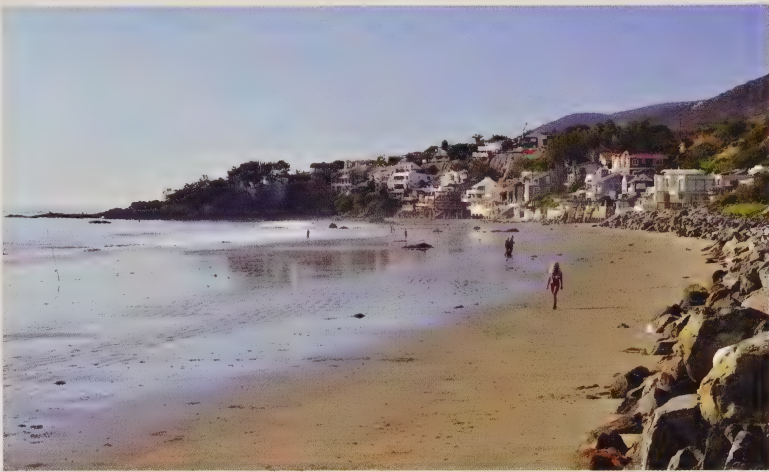
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Zuma Beach County Park	•				•			•	•			•	•			•	•	•	•
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Westward Beach	•								•			•				•	•	•	
Point Dume State Beach	•	•	•		•				•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Point Dume Natural Preserve	•		•						•			•	•				•		

LECHUZA BEACH: *Broad Beach Rd. between W. and E. Sea Level drives, Malibu.* Half-mile-long sandy beach is seaward of residences, out of sight from Broad Beach Road. There is a path and beach access stairs on Broad Beach Rd. opposite Bunnie Lane. Two additional access points have gates; push to open between dawn and dusk. One gate is on W. Sea Level Dr., a private street resembling a driveway that angles off Broad Beach Rd., 50 yards from Pacific Coast Hwy.; beach access gate is on the left-hand side of the lane. A second pedestrian gate is on Broad Beach Rd. adjacent to E. Sea Level Drive. On-street parking only. Call: 310-456-7049.

BROAD BEACH: *31344 and 31200 Broad Beach Rd., Malibu.* Public beach accessways are between residences; limited on-street parking.

ZUMA BEACH COUNTY PARK: *30000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu.* A large, well-equipped park. Fee parking lot has more than 2,000 spaces; gates are open 7 AM–10 PM. Limited shoulder parking on Pacific Coast Hwy. where not prohibited by signs. Lifeguards are on duty during daylight hours, year round; be cautious of hazardous rip currents. For recorded surf conditions, call: 310-457-9701.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Diving
- Beach volleyball
- Anglers catch California



Broad Beach, off Broad Beach Road

corbina, opaleye, barred surfperch, and shiner surfperch

ZUMA AND TRANCAS CANYONS: *Ends of Busch Dr. and Bonsall Dr., Malibu.* From the end of Busch Dr., the Zuma Ridge Trail leads some five miles inland to the Backbone Trail; part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. From Bonsall Dr., hike into Zuma Canyon. Another entry point to the canyons is at a parking area on the west side of Kanan Dume Rd., four and a half miles from Pacific Coast Highway. Call: 818-597-9192.

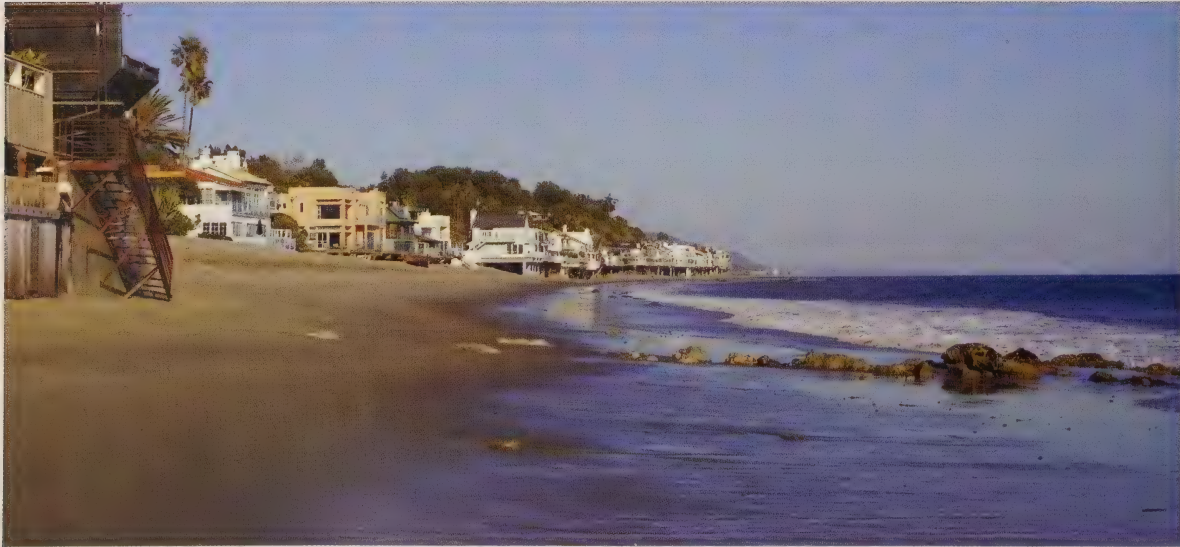
WESTWARD BEACH: *Along Westward Beach Rd., Malibu.* Also known as “Free Zuma,” the beach can be reached from adjacent Westward Beach Rd., with limited roadside parking. Restrooms and vending machines are at the upcoast end of the beach.

■ At Birdview Ave. a steep stairway climbs the bluff to a public viewing area

POINT DUME STATE BEACH: *End of Westward Beach Rd., Malibu.* Wide sandy beach is managed by Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors. Lifeguards are on duty during daylight hours.

POINT DUME NATURAL PRESERVE: *Cliffside Dr., Malibu.* Ten no-fee, time-limited parking spaces are on the shoulder of Cliffside Dr. adjacent to Point Dume Natural Preserve, including a disabled parking space; roadside parking is not permitted on surrounding streets. Or park at Point Dume State Beach and hike a quarter-mile up the bluff.

- A path and stairs lead to Dume Cove on the east side of the point
- High promontory at Point Dume offers superlative views



Escondido Beach



Los Angeles County

Paradise Cove to Corral Canyon

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Paradise Cove	•								•							•	•	•	•
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Escondido Beach	•																•		
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Malibu Beach RV Park					•					•		•					•	•	•
Dan Blocker County Beach	•	•															•	•	
Corral Canyon Park			•						•			•					•	•	•

PARADISE COVE: 28128 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Toll road leads to sandy beach. Fee for parking and walk-ins; parking validation for restaurant diners. Beach hours: daily, sunrise–sunset. Surfboards, barbecues, and boat launching are not allowed. Summertime lifeguards on duty. For information, call: 310-457-2503.

- Swimming
- Pier fishing

ESCONDIDO CANYON PARK: Off Winding Way, Malibu. A trail follows Escondido Creek to a small waterfall. A higher pool, largely out of sight, receives the flow from a 150-foot-high waterfall. Park in the lot at Winding Way and Pacific Coast Hwy. and walk one mile along Winding Way to the park entrance; no parking allowed at that point. Walk through the park another mile to reach the falls. The trail is open to hikers and equestrians. Call: 310-456-7049.

ESCONDIDO BEACH: 27400 block and 27150 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. In the 27400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy. is a gate and stairs marked “Escondido Beach Access.” Two public parking spaces on Pacific Coast Hwy. are reserved for beachgoers; accessible to eastbound vehicles only. More shoulder parking is farther west. A second beach stairway is at 27150 Pacific Coast Hwy. east of Escondido Creek. Limited roadside parking.

LATIGO SHORE BEACH: Latigo Shore Dr. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Beach stairs are at east end of condominium complex on Latigo Shore Drive. Walk east on the sand to Dan Blocker County Beach or west to Latigo Point. Limited shoulder parking available on Pacific Coast Hwy.; dead-end Latigo Shore Dr. is a remnant of the old coastal highway and is usable by the public, although marked private.

- Surfing at Latigo Point

SOLSTICE CANYON: 3700 Solstice Canyon Rd., off Corral Canyon Rd., Malibu. Picnic area is at the end of Solstice Canyon Road. Follow Corral Canyon Rd. to reach trails to Castro Crest, Zuma and Trancas Canyons, and Malibu Creek State Park. For information, call: 805-370-2300.

- Hiking and equestrian trails

MALIBU BEACH RV PARK: 25801 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Privately operated facility has 150 RV campsites and 35 tent sites. Game room, spa, laundry available. For information, call: 310-456-6052.

DAN BLOCKER COUNTY BEACH: 26000 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Narrow sand-and-cobble beach. Lifeguard towers are staffed during daylight hours. For recorded information on surfing conditions, call: 310-457-9701. Shoulder parking only; off-street parking is planned.

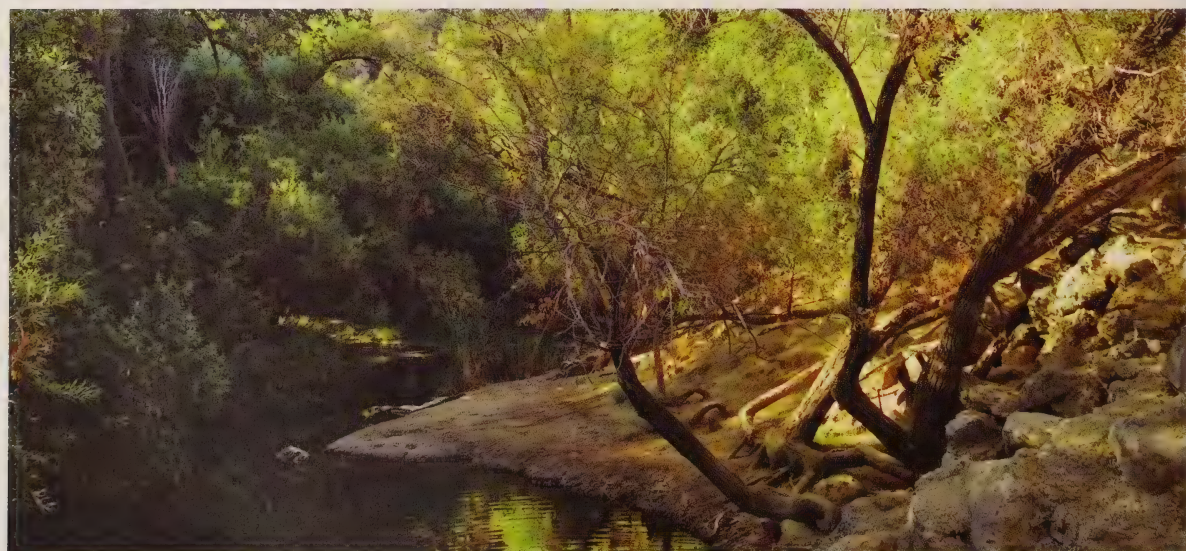
- Swimming
- Surfing

CORRAL CANYON PARK: 25623 Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu. Parking lot is inland of Pacific Coast Highway. An equestrian loading and parking zone accommodates one horse trailer at a time. A two-and-a-half-mile loop trail winds up the canyon. For information, call: 310-456-7049.

- Picnic tables
- Horseback riding
- Pedestrian access to beach via low-clearance underpass, dry season only



Dan Blocker County Beach



Malibu Creek State Park

Los Angeles County

Santa Monica Mountains

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Rocky Oaks			•	•						•			•	•			•	•	
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Calabasas Peak			•						•								•	•	
Cold Creek Canyon			•						•								•	•	

ROCKY OAKS: *Mulholland Hwy. and Kanan Rd., Santa Monica Mtns.* Part of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Park open 8 AM–sunset.

- Picnic area
- Loop trails

PETER STRAUSS RANCH: *30000 Mulholland Hwy. at Troutdale Dr., Santa Monica Mtns.* Historic building houses conference space, classrooms, and an art gallery; shaded lawns are adjacent. The park is open 8 AM–sunset.

- Peter Strauss Trail makes a mile-long loop

PARAMOUNT RANCH: *Cornell Rd., .4 mi. N. of Mulholland Hwy., Santa Monica Mtns.* An old movie ranch, still used for filming. Trails wind through the 336-acre property, but there are no links to other units of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The park is open 8 AM–sunset.

- Picnic areas
- Five-kilometer running path



King Gillette Ranch Visitor Center

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

This huge rugged park stretches from Point Mugu in Ventura County to the Hollywood Bowl. Management is shared by the National Park Service, California State Parks, and other agencies. For information, see: www.lamountains.com.

MULHOLLAND SCENIC PARKWAY:

Through the Santa Monica Mtns. from Leo Carrillo State Park to Hollywood Hills. Mulholland Hwy. winds from Leo Carrillo State Park to Calabasas, and Mulholland Dr. (unpaved in places) continues east to the Hollywood Hills.

- Seminole Overlook east of Kanan Rd. has interpretive panels about area geology

LAS VIRGENES VIEW PARK:

N.E. corner, Las Virgenes Rd. and Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Open space park.

- Las Virgenes View Trail leads to high ground with 360-degree views

KING GILLETTE RANCH:

26800 Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Visitor center provides information about the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area; no-fee parking. Call: 805-370-2301.

- Picnic areas with fee parking are on the grounds of the historic King C. Gillette mansion

MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK:

Along Las Virgenes Rd., 4 mi. S. of Hwy. 101, Calabasas. Park includes 15 miles of trails, including a self-guided trail for visually impaired visitors. A visitor center is open on weekends.

There are 63 RV and tent campsites and a group campground. Pay showers available; no RV hookups. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275; for park information, call: 818-880-0367. Leashed dogs allowed in day-use areas and campgrounds only.

- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Tapia Park is a day-use-only unit with picnic areas and a sports field

CALABASAS PEAK:

Stunt Rd., off Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Trail to 2,163-foot-high Calabasas Peak starts at Stunt Rd., one mile from Mulholland Highway.

COLD CREEK CANYON:

Stunt Rd., S. of Mulholland Hwy., Calabasas. Lower Stunt High Trail leads through a lush riparian zone starting from Stunt Rd., one mile from Mulholland Highway. The adjoining UCLA Stunt Ranch Reserve is closed to the general public. Farther up Stunt Rd. is the Cold Creek Canyon Preserve, where public trail access is allowed by permit from the Mountains Restoration Trust; call: 818-591-1701.



Carbon Beach, off Pacific Coast Hwy.

Los Angeles County
Puerco Beach to Carbon Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Puerco Beach	•		•																
Malibu Bluffs Park			•				•					•	•			•	•		
Malibu Lagoon State Beach	•		•				•					•	•			•	•	•	
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Surfrider Beach	•				•				•			•				•	•	•	•
Malibu Pier											•	•	•			•	•	•	
Carbon Beach	•	•															•		

PUERCO BEACH: 25118, 24714, 24602, 24434, and 24318 *Malibu Rd., Malibu*. Five public beach access stairways are maintained by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors. Homes are adjacent; do not trespass on private property. A sixth public access stairway on Malibu Rd. is planned to open in 2015 between Nos. 24034 and 24056.

- In the 24500 block of Malibu Rd., a trail climbs to Malibu Bluffs Park

MALIBU BLUFFS PARK: *Malibu Canyon Rd. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. Community park has ball fields, picnic tables, and overlook for whale watching. Call: 310-317-1364. Trails lead down to Malibu Rd. over chaparral-covered slopes that are part of Malibu Lagoon State Beach.

MALIBU LAGOON STATE BEACH: 23200 *block of Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. A short trail leads to the sandy beach overlooking Malibu Lagoon, a shallow water body at the mouth of Malibu Creek. Call: 818-880-0350.

- Wildlife viewing
- Swimming
- World-famous surf break at Malibu Point

ADAMSON HOUSE: 23200 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. The historic Adamson House is bordered on three sides by the beach, but enter on foot only through the gate on Pacific Coast Highway. Grounds are open daily, 8 AM–sunset, for self-guided tours. The

first floor of the house and the museum are wheelchair accessible; visitor vehicles displaying the disabled emblem are allowed on the property.

- Malibu Lagoon Museum contains Chumash Native American artifacts
- Docent-led house tours are offered Wed.–Sat., 11 AM–2 PM; closed major holidays
- Museum and garden tours also available; call: 310-456-8432

SURFRIDER BEACH: 23050 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. Lifeguards on duty during daylight hours. For recorded information on surfing and diving conditions, call: 310-457-9701.

- Surfing
- Sand volleyball

MALIBU PIER: 23000 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. The wooden-plank Malibu Pier retains its old-time

appearance. For information, call: 310-456-8031. Off-street fee parking is in the commercial parking lot at 22809 Pacific Coast Hwy. on weekends and holidays from sunrise to sunset. Limited on-street parking.

- Fishing from the pier
- Gift shop and restaurant

CARBON BEACH: 22670 and 22132 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. Carbon Beach can be reached via public accessways between homes. A third access point is planned to open in 2014 at 22500 Pacific Coast Highway. At low tide, beachgoers can walk on the wet sand east to La Costa Beach, which has no direct access from the street. Additional parking is available off-street on weekends from May 15 to Sept. 15 in the second-story commercial lot at 22601 Pacific Coast Hwy.; pay fee downstairs at Pacific Coast Greens market.



Malibu Pier and Surfrider Beach



Topanga Beach



Los Angeles County

Malibu East

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
La Costa Beach	•																		
Big Rock Beach	•	•																	
Las Tunas Beach	•															•	•		
Topanga Beach	•				•				•			•				•	•	•	•
Tuna Canyon Park			•	•				•		•							•		

LA COSTA BEACH: 21700 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. La Costa Beach is currently accessible to the public only by walking downcoast from Carbon Beach, and then only at a low tide. A view of the ocean and shoreline is available at a beachfront parcel owned by the State Coastal Conservancy, off Pacific Coast Highway. Facilities enabling access to the beach are planned for the future.

BIG ROCK BEACH: 20350 and 20000 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. The narrow beach is seaward of a row of houses. A public beach stairway is located at 20000 Pacific Coast Highway. Another stairway, at 20350 Pacific Coast Hwy. next to Moonshadows Restaurant, has been closed due to storm damage. A vista point with a bench is at the intersection of Pacific Coast Hwy. and Big Rock Dr.; there is no beach access.

LAS TUNAS BEACH: 19444 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. Several pull-outs provide access to the narrow beach. Use care in pulling off and onto the pavement, as traffic moves fast here. Facilities are limited to chemical toilets; a lifeguard tower is staffed by the Los Angeles County Dept. of Beaches and Harbors during the summer.

- Swimming

TOPANGA BEACH: 18700 *Pacific Coast Hwy., Malibu*. The beach park is located below busy Pacific Coast Highway. The main parking lot occupies a narrow terrace on the bluff-top. Additional parking is on

the inland side of Pacific Coast Hwy.; to reach the beach, use the pedestrian underpass next to Topanga Creek. For visitors with disabled-person parking placards, there is also limited parking at beach level; the turn-off from Pacific Coast Hwy. is accessible to eastbound vehicles only and is very abrupt. Lifeguards are on duty during daylight hours. A beach wheelchair is available at the lifeguard station.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Shore fishing

TUNA CANYON PARK: *Fernwood Pacific Dr., off Topanga Canyon Blvd., Topanga*. This open-space park is located inland

of the shore, encompassing canyons and ridges. There is no vehicle access directly from Pacific Coast Highway. Instead, from Topanga Canyon Blvd. turn west on Fernwood Pacific Dr. next to the fire station. Continue on Fernwood Pacific Dr. (which becomes Tuna Canyon Rd.) a distance of 3.9 miles to Big Rock Motorway. An unsigned white steel gate marks the park entrance. Tuna Canyon Rd. continues down the canyon to Pacific Coast Hwy., becoming one-way southbound. Bring plenty of water; no facilities. Call: 310-456-7049.

- A network of trails for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians is off Big Rock Motorway



Las Tunas Beach



Los Angeles County

Topanga State Park to Will Rogers State Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Topanga State Park			•	•	•				•			•	•				•	•	•
Getty Villa											•		•	•			•	•	•
Temescal Gateway Park			•								•		•	•	•		•	•	•
Temescal Canyon Park											•	•					•	•	
Will Rogers State Beach	•		•	•		•							•	•			•	•	•
Will Rogers State Historic Park			•										•	•			•	•	•

TOPANGA STATE PARK: *Main entrance, end of Entrada Rd. off Topanga Canyon Blvd., 4.5 mi. N. of Pacific Coast Hwy., Topanga.* A rugged park with 36 miles of trails lies within Los Angeles city limits. At Trippet Ranch off Entrada Rd. are a shaded picnic area, small nature center, and a mile-and-a-half-long trail through Santa Ynez Canyon to a 20-foot-high waterfall.

Additional trail access is off Sunset Blvd. along Los Lionses Dr. and on Palisades Dr. at Santa Ynez Canyon Park. One mile farther inland on Palisades Dr., turn west on Vereda de la Montura; a fence opening leads to the Santa Ynez Canyon Trail. In the 1700 block of Michael Ln. is another trail marker; on-street parking.

Past the point at which Palisades Dr. becomes Chastain Parkway East, turn on Via Las Palmas and go through a decorative archway; a parking lot for trail users and restrooms are on the left. Hike up the paved path to the Temescal Fire Road. For park information, call: 310-455-2465.

- Hiking
- For a wildflower report, call: 818-768-3533

GETTY VILLA: *17985 Pacific Coast Hwy., Pacific Palisades.* Greek, Roman, and Etruscan treasures are on display. Free admission but an advance, timed ticket is required; fee for parking. The Getty Center in Los Angeles ten miles away houses European and American art from the medieval period to the modern.



Topanga State Park, off Los Lionses Drive

For information about both museums, call: 310-440-7300.

TEMESCAL GATEWAY PARK: *End of Temescal Canyon Rd., N. of Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades.* Tree-shaded lawns, picnic areas, and trail access into Topanga State Park; conferences and summer camps for kids are held here. For information, call: 310-454-1395.

TEMESCAL CANYON PARK: *Temescal Canyon Rd. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Pacific Palisades.* A narrow landscaped park with picnic areas runs along Temescal Canyon Road. On-street parking.

WILL ROGERS STATE BEACH: *Off Pacific Coast Hwy., Pacific Palisades.* Hugely popular beach with large fee parking lots at Temescal Canyon Rd. and Chautauqua Boulevard. At the foot of Sunset Blvd. is more parking, shared with Gladstone's restaurant; the deck is open to the public for ocean viewing. A small parking area and beach ramp are at the end of Coastline Drive. Some shoulder parking

is on the seaward side of Pacific Coast Highway. For recorded surf information, call: 310-457-9701.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball
- South Bay Bicycle Trail, part of the California Coastal Trail, runs south to Torrance

WILL ROGERS STATE HISTORIC PARK: *End of Will Rogers State Park Rd., off Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades.* Spacious lawns, a polo field, and stables; the Will Rogers home is open to tours and is wheelchair accessible. Open 8 AM–sunset. Call: 310-454-8212.

- Polo matches take place on weekends; picnic areas are adjacent
- Backbone Trail leads into adjacent Topanga State Park



Santa Monica State Beach



Los Angeles County

Santa Monica

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing
Annenberg Community Beach House					•				
Palisades Park		•	•						
Santa Monica State Beach	•	•	•		•				
Hostelling International Santa Monica									
Santa Monica Municipal Pier									•
Crescent Bay Park	•	•	•		•				
Beach Park Number One	•	•	•						
South Beach Park	•	•	•						

	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Annenberg Community Beach House	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Palisades Park	•				•	•		•	•	
Santa Monica State Beach	•			•	•		•	•	•	•
Hostelling International Santa Monica				•				•		
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	
Crescent Bay Park				•	•			•	•	•
Beach Park Number One	•			•	•		•	•	•	•
South Beach Park	•			•	•		•	•	•	•

ANNENBERG COMMUNITY BEACH HOUSE: 415 Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica. Once the beach compound of Hollywood star Marion Davies, the property is now open to everyone for recreation and cultural activities. Hours vary seasonally. Fee for parking. For information, call: 310-458-4934.

- Beach volleyball and tennis courts available
- Free tours of the Marion Davies Guest House
- Swimming pool and recreation room are open during the summer
- Beach wheelchair and pool lift

PALISADES PARK: Along Ocean Ave., from Adelaide Dr. to Colorado Ave., Santa Monica. Historic cross-country Route 66 ends near the park, which has vistas of Santa Monica Bay. Beach access stairs or ramps are at Montana, Idaho, and Arizona avenues. A visitor information kiosk is near the foot of Broadway; for information, call: 310-393-7593.

SANTA MONICA STATE BEACH: W. of Pacific Coast Hwy., Santa Monica. An extremely wide sandy beach, over three miles long, with numbered fee parking lots spaced along it; see: <http://parking.smgov.net/>. For information on Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus system, call: 310-451-5444. For beach information, call: 310-458-8300. Lifeguard service is provided by Los Angeles County, which maintains the world's largest professional lifeguard service.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball
- Skate, bike, and surfboard rentals are available at Perry's Café, 930 and 1200 Pacific Coast Hwy., and 2400 and 2600 Ocean Front Walk
- Beach wheelchairs are at Perry's Café at 930 Pacific Coast Hwy. and 2600 Ocean Front Walk; for information, call: 310-452-2399

HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL SANTA MONICA: 1436 2nd St., Santa Monica. The hostel has 254 beds; family rooms available. Shared kitchen and laundry; linens included. Open 24 hours; call: 310-393-9913.

SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL PIER: Foot of Colorado Ave., Santa Monica. A classic southern California pier, with vintage carousel, amusement arcades, restaurants, and shops.

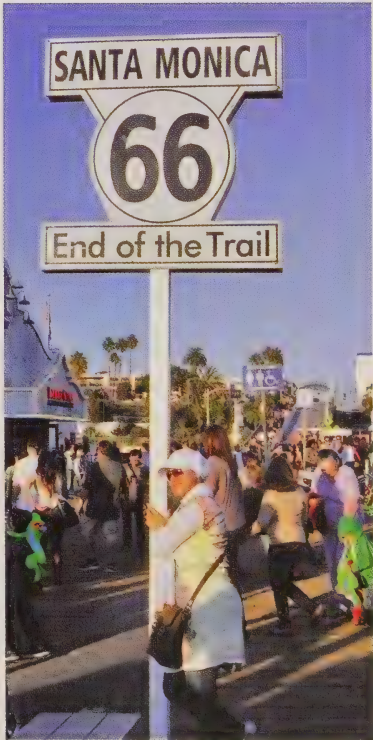
- Pier fishing
- The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium at beach level is open Tuesday–Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM, and Saturday–Sunday, 12:30 PM–5:00 PM; for information, call: 310-393-6149
- Muscle Beach on Ocean Front Walk has gymnastics apparatus for first-come, first-served use
- Chess boards are on Ocean Front Walk at Seaside Terrace

CRESCENT BAY PARK: 2000 block, Ocean Ave., Santa Monica. Green lawns, covered picnic areas, and a beachfront parking lot.

BEACH PARK NUMBER ONE: Foot of Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica. Landscaped park with picnic tables, play equipment, and a café. Fee parking lots are adjacent.

- Wheelchair-accessible beach boardwalk
- Ocean View Park inland of Barnard Way has basketball, tennis, and paddle tennis courts

SOUTH BEACH PARK: Barnard Way at Marine St., Santa Monica. Picnic area next to the beach; fee parking is adjacent.



Santa Monica Municipal Pier



Venice City Beach



Los Angeles County Venice

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Samesun Venice Beach Hostel																			
Venice Recreation Center																			
Venice City Beach																			
South Bay Bicycle Trail																			
Venice Fishing Pier																			
Venice Canals																			
Ballona Lagoon Walkway																			
Aubrey E. Austin, Jr. Memorial Park																			

SAMESUN VENICE BEACH HOSTEL: 25 Windward Ave., Venice. Shared and private rooms, kitchen facilities, multi-lingual staff. Call: 310-399-7649.

VENICE RECREATION CENTER: End of Windward Ave., Venice. Outdoor courts for basketball, volleyball, tennis, and handball, plus a skate park and picnic area; for information, call: 310-399-2775. Restrooms with showers are near the ends of Venice and Washington boulevards.

- Muscle Beach weight pen includes weight-lifting equipment; fee applies for some activities
- Venice Art Walls are concrete structures on which artists may express themselves; for a required painting permit, visit on a weekend or call: 310-309-7756
- An off-leash dog park is nearby at 1234 Pacific Avenue

VENICE CITY BEACH: Ocean Front Walk, Venice. Three-mile-long sandy beach; adjacent Ocean Front Walk draws vendors, street musicians, roller skaters, and skateboarders. Fee parking lot is at the end of Venice Blvd., but spaces fill up fast. Additional fee parking is at Venice Blvd. where it intersects Pacific Ave., at the west end of Rose Ave., and on Westminster Ave. east of Pacific Avenue. A beach wheelchair is available at lifeguard headquarters at 2300 Ocean Front Walk.

- Swimming



Venice, Grand Canal

- Surf fishing
- Bicycle and skate rentals available

SOUTH BAY BICYCLE TRAIL: Along the beach from Pacific Palisades to Torrance. Twenty-mile-long route follows the beach from Pacific Palisades to Torrance with a detour around Marina del Rey Harbor. In Venice, bicyclists and pedestrians use separate, parallel paved alignments. Elsewhere, the South Bay Bicycle Trail is shared by bicyclists, skaters, and pedestrians.

VENICE FISHING PIER: End of Washington Blvd., Venice. The 1,300-foot-long pier has fish cleaning stations and is open 6 AM–midnight. Fee parking is at the end of Washington Blvd. and also at the corner of Washington Blvd. and Pacific Avenue. Additional summer-weekend parking is at Washington Blvd. and Strongs Drive.

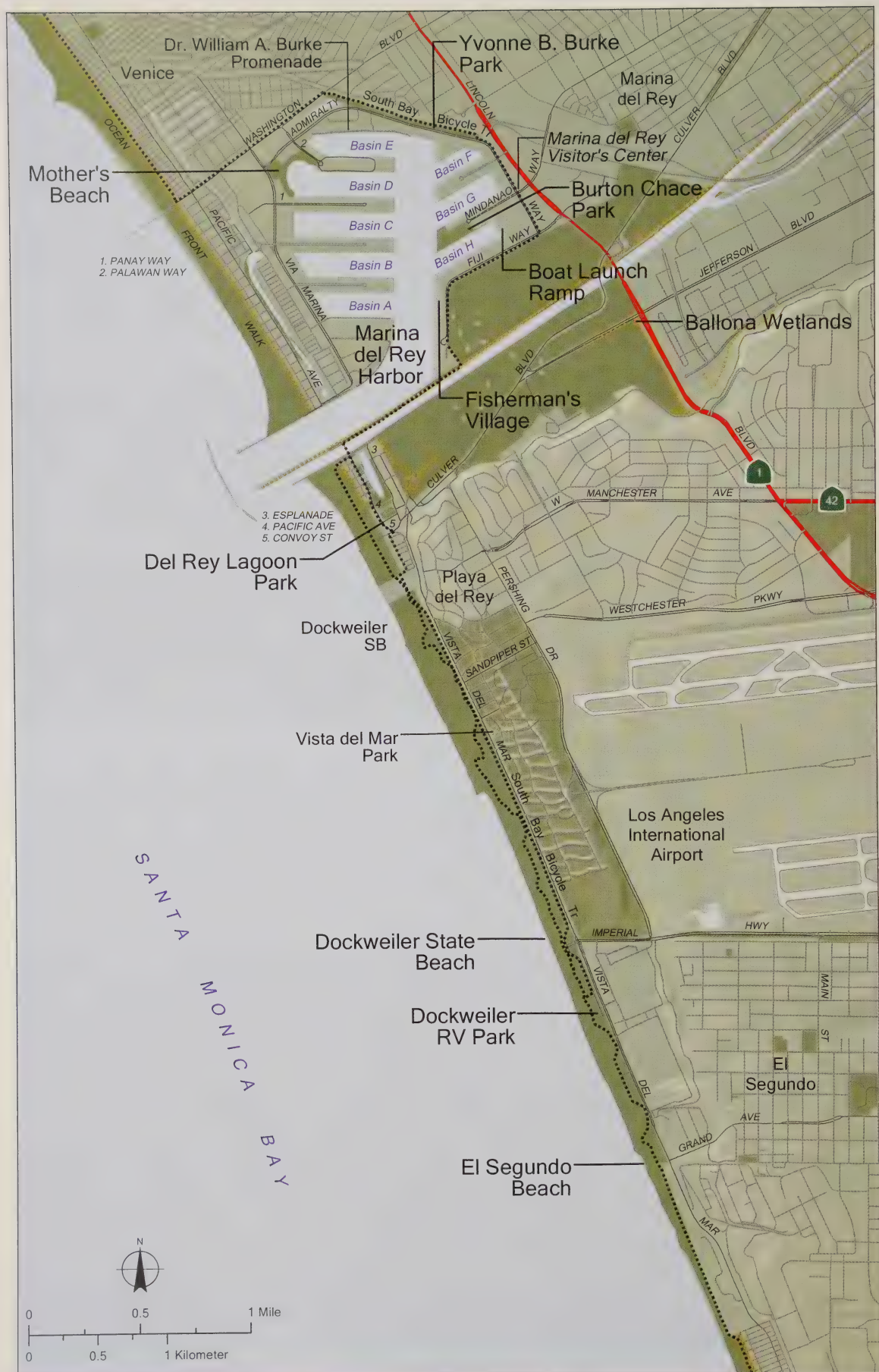
- Fishing for bonito, mackerel, jacksmelt, halibut, and various species of croakers and perch

VENICE CANALS: Between Pacific Ave. and Ocean Ave., S. of Venice Blvd., Venice. The Venice Canals are bordered by public sidewalks. Parking in the neighborhood is extremely limited.

BALLONA LAGOON WALKWAY: E. side of Ballona Lagoon, Marina del Rey. An unpaved path is on the east side of the Ballona Lagoon; access is from Pacific Ave. via a pedestrian bridge at Lighthouse St. and from Aubrey E. Austin, Jr. Memorial Park.

AUBREY E. AUSTIN, JR. MEMORIAL PARK: S. end Pacific Ave., Marina del Rey. The linear park overlooks the Marina del Rey entrance channel. Metered on-street parking.

- Fishing from the north jetty of the entrance channel





Los Angeles County

Marina del Rey to El Segundo

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Marina del Rey Harbor			•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Mother's Beach	•					•	•	•				•	•			•	•	•	•
Yvonne B. Burke Park			•	•									•						
Burton Chace Park							•		•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Boat Launch Ramp						•											•	•	
Fisherman's Village							•		•				•			•	•	•	•
Ballona Wetlands			•					•									•		
Del Rey Lagoon Park							•			•			•				•	•	
Dockweiler State Beach	•		•	•		•						•	•			•	•	•	•
Dockweiler RV Park	•			•	•							•	•			•	•	•	•
El Segundo Beach	•		•	•					•				•			•	•	•	•

MARINA DEL REY HARBOR: *S. of Venice, W. of Lincoln Blvd., Marina del Rey.* The harbor holds more than 6,000 boat slips, along with boating services, parks, restaurants, shops, and hotels. There is public access along most of the harbor bulkheads; the Dr. William A. Burke Promenade can be entered at Palawan Way near Mother's Beach.

- Visitor center at 4701 Admiralty Way is open daily; call: 310-305-9545

MOTHER'S BEACH: *End of Basin D, Panay Way, Marina del Rey.* Quiet water beach with daily lifeguard service. For water quality information, call: 1-800-525-5662. Fee parking lots are on Palawan Way and Panay Way. A beach wheelchair is at the lifeguard station. For information, call: 310-394-3261.

- Swimming
- Hand launching of boats; free short-term parking for boat launchers is along Palawan Way

YVONNE B. BURKE PARK: *Admiralty Way, Marina del Rey.* A linear park with a segment of the South Bay Bicycle Trail.

BURTON CHACE PARK: *W. end of Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey.* Picnic areas and a fishing dock. No-reservation guest boat docks are adjacent; call: 310-305-9595. A boater pumpout station is next to the guest docks.

- Free outdoor summer pop concerts; call: 310-305-9545
- Fourth of July fireworks

BOAT LAUNCH RAMP: *13477 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey.* Trailered-boat launch at the head of Basin H. Open 24 hours; fee applies. Call: 310-305-9534.

FISHERMAN'S VILLAGE: *Fiji Way, Marina del Rey.* Shops, galleries, and restaurants; validated fee parking. Some facilities are wheelchair accessible.

- Harbor tours available; call: 310-301-6000
- Weekend concerts and other events, call: 310-305-9545

BALLONA WETLANDS: *W. of Lincoln Blvd. along Culver Blvd. and Jefferson Blvd., Playa del Rey.* Freshwater marsh; park along Jefferson, eastbound.

- Docent-led tours by Friends of Ballona Wetlands; call: 310-306-5994

DEL REY LAGOON PARK: *6660 Esplanade, Playa del Rey.* Neighborhood park with picnic areas and a baseball diamond. Parking along Pacific Ave. and Esplanade Street. Call: 310-396-1615.

DOCKWEILER STATE BEACH: *W. of Vista del Mar from Marina del Rey entrance channel to S. of Grand Ave., El Segundo.* Three-mile-long sandy beach, with more

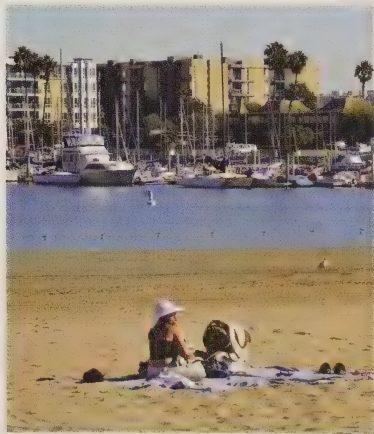
than 2,000 parking spaces. Main entrance is at Imperial Hwy.; additional entrances at Culver Blvd. and off Vista del Mar south of the Dockweiler RV Park. Beach wheelchairs are at the main lifeguard station; call: 310-372-2162.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Vista del Mar Park has picnic areas; on-street parking

DOCKWEILER RV PARK: *12001 Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey.* RV camping with hook-ups, pump-out station, hot showers, and laundromat. Call: 310-322-4951.

EL SEGUNDO BEACH: *End of W. Grand Ave., El Segundo.* Part of Dockweiler State Beach; fee parking.

- Beach volleyball



Mother's Beach, Marina del Rey



Hermosa Beach, near Municipal Pier

Los Angeles County

Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
El Porto Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sand Dune Park						•			•	•						•		
Bruce's Beach											•					•	•	•
Manhattan Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•					•	•			•	•	•	
Manhattan Beach Municipal Pier						•	•			•	•	•			•	•	•	
Hermosa Beach	•	•	•		•						•	•			•	•	•	
Hermosa Beach Municipal Pier							•				•	•				•	•	
Los Angeles Surf City Hostel															•	•		•

EL PORTO BEACH: *W. end of 45th St., Manhattan Beach.* Long sandy beach with year-round lifeguard service. Bicycle racks and recreational equipment rentals available. To use a beach wheelchair, call: 310-372-2162. Metered beach parking; lot closes at 8 PM.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Beach volleyball nets

SAND DUNE PARK: *31st St. W. of Blanche Rd., Manhattan Beach.* A remnant sand dune, 100 feet high, is used for climbing and sliding; picnic facilities are adjacent.

BRUCE'S BEACH: *27th St. and Highland Ave., Manhattan Beach.* Actually, a green hillside city park near the beach, formerly named Parque Culiacán for Manhattan Beach's sister city in Mexico. Metered off-street parking is on 26th St. at Manhattan Avenue.

- Basketball court

MANHATTAN BEACH: *W. of the Strand, Manhattan Beach.* Two miles of sandy shoreline; fee parking lots are at the foot of Manhattan Beach Boulevard. Los Angeles County lifeguard stations are at the foot of Marine Ave. and at the pier; lifeguard towers are staffed seasonally. To use a beach wheelchair, call: 310-372-2162. Many street ends provide access to the beach, but neighborhood parking can be tight. The South Bay Bicycle

Trail and The Strand, used by pedestrians, joggers, and skaters, run along the beach.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Beach volleyball

MANHATTAN BEACH MUNICIPAL PIER: *Foot of Manhattan Beach Blvd., Manhattan Beach.* The 928-foot-long pier is open daily, 6 AM–midnight. The Roundhouse Aquarium on the pier displays fish and has a touch tank with tidepool creatures; free admission, open weekdays, 3 PM–sunset, and weekends, 10 AM–sunset. For information, call: 310-379-8117.

- Pier fishing for California halibut, walleye surfperch, and mackerel

HERMOSA BEACH: *W. of the Strand, Hermosa Beach.* Two miles of sandy public beach. The paved shoreline walkway known as The Strand continues north into

Manhattan Beach but is interrupted by stairs at 35th Street. Many street ends provide beach access. A beach wheelchair is at the lifeguard station at the pier; for information from area headquarters, call: 310-372-2162.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Beach volleyball

HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL PIER: *Foot of Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach.* The pier is used for fishing and ocean-viewing. At the foot of the pier is a bronze statue dedicated to the memory of Los Angeles County lifeguard Tim Kelly, a noted surfer and youth worker who died in 1964.

LOS ANGELES SURF CITY HOSTEL: *26 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach.* The hostel is located near Hermosa Beach Municipal Pier. Shared kitchen and laundry; breakfast and linens included. Call: 310-798-2323.



Manhattan Beach Municipal Pier



Redondo Beach Municipal Pier

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Los Angeles County

Redondo Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
SEA Lab																			
King Harbor																			
Seaside Lagoon																			
Redondo Sportfishing Pier																			
Plaza Park																			
Redondo Beach Municipal Pier																			
Monstad Pier																			
Veterans Park																			
Redondo County Beach																			

SEA LAB: 1021 N. Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach. The SEA Lab education center includes aquariums and touch tanks. Visitors are welcome when school groups are not present; call ahead for information. Open Tuesday–Friday, 9:00 AM–3:30 PM, and Saturday, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM. Donations are encouraged. For information, call: 310-318-7438.

- Join in feeding fish on Saturdays at noon
- Summer day camps are offered for young children

KING HARBOR: W. of Harbor Dr., Redondo Beach. Four marinas hold more than 1,400 boats and offer marine supplies and services. For general information, call the harbor patrol at 310-318-0632. Fee parking.

- Redondo Beach Marina offers sport-fishing and whale-watching trips, glass-bottom boat tours, sailing classes, and kayak and stand-up paddleboard rentals; for information, call: 310-374-3481

SEASIDE LAGOON: 200 Portofino Way, Redondo Beach. A three-acre, warm-water swimming lagoon with lifeguard service, open during the summertime. Fee for entry; call: 310-318-0681.

REDONDO SPORTFISHING PIER: W. of Harbor Dr., N. of Basin 3, Redondo Beach. Services include sport-fishing charters, equipment sales and rentals, fishing licenses, and food service. Call: 310-372-2111. Fee parking lot is adjacent.

PLAZA PARK: Foot of Diamond St., Redondo Beach. Landscaped blufftop park connects via stairs and a wheelchair-accessible elevator to walkways in King Harbor. Metered parking is on Catalina Avenue.

REDONDO BEACH MUNICIPAL PIER: Foot of Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. The 1,550-foot-long pier, also known as the Horseshoe Pier, holds shops and restaurants. A parking structure, with the South Bay Bicycle Trail running through it, is at the foot of Torrance Boulevard. For pier information, call: 310-318-0631.

- Free summertime evening concerts
- The International Boardwalk, featuring bumper cars and arcade games, is next to the pier

MONSTAD PIER: Foot of Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. Mainly used for fishing, with bait-cutting and fish-cleaning stations. A wheelchair-accessible fishing platform is available. The lighted pier is open 24 hours.

- Anglers catch halibut, mackerel, bonito, and perch

VETERANS PARK: S. side, foot of Torrance Blvd., Redondo Beach. Landscaped park with a band-shell; on-street parking.

REDONDO COUNTY BEACH: W. of Esplanade, Redondo Beach. Two miles of sandy beach with lifeguard service. Metered parking is along Esplanade; stairs and steep ramps lead to the sand. The South Bay Bicycle Trail runs along the beach below the bluff.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball



Monstad Pier, Redondo Beach





Los Angeles County

Torrance to Rancho Palos Verdes

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Torrance County Beach	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Malaga Cove	•	•	•				•	•									•		
Path to Bluff Cove		•	•				•										•		
Overlook at Bluff Cove			•														•		
Palos Verdes Estates Shoreline Preserve		•					•												
Overlooks		•	•														•		
Point Vicente Park and Lighthouse		•	•				•		•	•	•	•		•	•		•	•	
Pelican Cove		•	•									•				•	•		
Terranea Resort Access		•	•		•		•					•	•			•	•	•	
Frank A. Vanderlip, Sr. Park			•					•									•		

TORRANCE COUNTY BEACH:
Along Paseo de la Playa, Torrance.
The sandy beach is accessible via ramps. Fee parking lots are on Paseo del la Playa near Esplanade. For beach wheelchair information, call: 310-372-2162.

- Swimming
- Surfing

MALAGA COVE: *End of Via Arroyo, off Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates.* A sand and cobble beach with no facilities; walk north to Torrance County Beach to find restrooms. A trail in the 500 block of Paseo del Mar opposite Via Chino leads to a surfing spot known as "Haggerty's."

PATH TO BLUFF COVE:
At Flat Rock Point, 600 block of Paseo del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates. Two poles linked by a chain mark a path to Bluff Cove. On-street parking.

OVERLOOK AT BLUFF COVE:
Paseo del Mar at Palos Verdes Dr. West, Palos Verdes Estates. The blufftop trail extends to the 1700 block of Paseo del Mar.

- Views of Santa Catalina, San Nicolas, and Santa Barbara Islands

PALOS VERDES ESTATES SHORELINE PRESERVE: *Entire shoreline of Palos Verdes Estates.* Steep footpaths lead from scenic overlooks to the rocky shore; on-street parking. No rocks, plants, shells, or animals may

be removed from the shoreline preserve; call: 310-378-0383.

OVERLOOKS: *1900 block, 2300 block, and 2800 block of Paseo del Mar and Calle Entradero, Palos Verdes Estates.* Overlooks are opposite Epping Rd., Via Bandini, Via Barri, and Via Neve. On Calle Entradero off Palos Verdes Dr. West is another overlook; a blufftop path leads to Point Vicente Park.

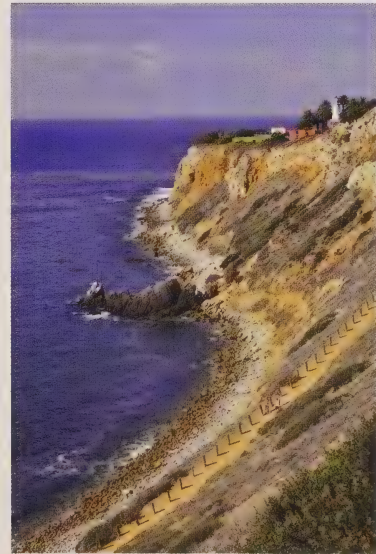
POINT VICENTE PARK AND LIGHTHOUSE: *31501 Palos Verdes Dr. West, Rancho Palos Verdes.* The Point Vicente Interpretive Center has a whale-watching deck, displays on local ecology, and a gift shop. Open daily except major holidays, 10 AM–5 PM; call: 310-377-5370. Park open dawn to dusk.

- Picnic areas
- Trail leads through the Vicente Bluffs Ecological Reserve
- Point Vicente Lighthouse tours are given on the second Saturday of most months; call in advance: 310-541-0334

PELICAN COVE: *E. of Point Vicente Park, 31300 Palos Verdes Dr. South, Rancho Palos Verdes.* A steep dirt path leads from the parking lot to a rocky beach. Additional parking is at the adjacent Terranea Resort. Call: 310-377-0360.

TERRANEA RESORT ACCESS:
At Long Point, off Palos Verdes Dr. South, Rancho Palos Verdes. The Terranea Resort offers splendid coastal access facilities, including a perimeter blufftop trail linking Pelican Cove to Frank A. Vanderlip, Sr. Park, a shoreline access trail, and no-fee parking.

FRANK A. VANDERLIP, SR. PARK: *6500 Seacove Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes.* Turn off Palos Verdes Dr. South onto Seawolf Dr., then right on Beachview Dr. and left on Nantasket Dr. to Seacove Drive. No direct beach access.



Trail to Pelican Cove



Founders Park beach access



Los Angeles County

Rancho Palos Verdes to San Pedro

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Abalone Cove Shoreline Park	•	•	•						•								•	•	•
Founders Park										•			•	•			•	•	
Ocean Trails Ecological Reserve			•						•				•	•			•	•	
Palos Verdes Shoreline Park			•							•									
White Point/Royal Palms County Beach	•	•				•			•				•				•	•	•
White Point Bluff Park			•	•						•	•		•	•			•	•	•
White Point Nature Preserve			•						•				•	•			•	•	•

ABALONE COVE SHORELINE PARK: 5970 Palos Verdes Dr. South, Rancho Palos Verdes. A steep dirt path leads from the fee parking lot to the sand-and-cobble beach. From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the park is open daily, 9 AM–4 PM. During the rest of the year, the park is open weekends, 9 AM–4 PM, and weekdays, noon–4 PM; closed major holidays. Call: 310-377-1222. To reach Sacred Cove, walk east along Palos Verdes Dr. South past Portuguese Point and look for trails to the shoreline; no facilities at Sacred Cove.

- Swimming

FOUNDERS PARK: 1 Ocean Trails Dr., Rancho Palos Verdes. A public park with picnic areas and bicycle racks is seaward of the clubhouse of the Trump National Golf Club. Trails lead to the shoreline, open dawn to dusk; dogs are not allowed on the beach. Free parking is in the lot east of the clubhouse.

- The Trump National Golf Club course (fee applies) and clubhouse are open to the public; for information, call: 310-265-5000

OCEAN TRAILS ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: Between Trump National Golf Club and Pacific Ocean, Rancho Palos Verdes. Trails through coastal sage scrub habitat begin at Founders Park and at the end of La Rotonda Dr., where there is a parking lot and restrooms. Do not remove shells or living organisms from the Ecological Reserve. Call: 310-541-7613.

- Beach access via Lakeview Trail

PALOS VERDES SHORELINE PARK: Palos Verdes Dr. South, Rancho Palos Verdes. A trail into the open space park is at the city boundary, where Palos Verdes Dr. South becomes W. 25th St. in San Pedro. On-street parking is allowed, eastbound only. For information, call: 310-544-5260.

WHITE POINT/ROYAL PALMS COUNTY BEACH: 1799 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro. One access road serves both parks, which feature a shoreline of rock formations and tidepools backed by steep bluffs. Do not touch or disturb organisms in the tidepools. Los Angeles County lifeguards are on duty during daylight hours. Park hours are 7 AM–10 PM.

WHITE POINT BLUFF PARK: S. Paseo del Mar, 300 yards E. of Western Ave., San Pedro. Picnic facilities and a baseball diamond; metered parking.

WHITE POINT NATURE PRESERVE: Inland of S. Paseo del Mar, between Western Ave. and Weymouth Ave., San Pedro. There is a loop trail with interpretive panels. Due to erosion, Paseo del Mar has been closed to vehicles east of White Point Nature Preserve (detour inland via 25th St.), but a foot trail extends to Weymouth Avenue. Call: 310-541-7613.



White Point County Beach





Los Angeles County San Pedro

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Angels Gate Park									•	•	•	•	•			•	•		
Hostel Los Angeles South Bay																•	•	•	•
Point Fermin Park/Lighthouse			•	•						•	•	•	•			•	•		
Lookout Point Park													•				•		
Cabrillo Beach	•				•	•			•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Cabrillo Marine Aquarium							•				•	•	•			•	•		
Ports O'Call Village						•	•					•	•			•	•	•	
Los Angeles Maritime Museum										•	•	•	•			•	•		
U.S.S. Iowa											•	•	•			•	•	•	
Cruise Ship Promenade													•				•		
Catalina Terminal						•						•				•	•		



Korean Friendship Bell

ANGELS GATE PARK: 3601 S. Gaffey St., San Pedro. A hilltop pagoda houses the Friendship Bell given in 1976 by the people of the Republic of Korea; for information, call: 310-548-7705.

- View rehabilitated animals at the Marine Mammal Care Center, open daily, 8 AM–4 PM; call: 310-548-5677

HOSTEL LOS ANGELES SOUTH BAY: Bldg. 613 on Leavenworth Dr., off S. Gaffey St., San Pedro. The hostel has 57 beds, some in private rooms, plus a kitchen, laundry, and library. From October through May, the hostel is open only to groups of 20 or more persons. For information, call: 310-831-8109.

POINT FERMIN PARK / LIGHTHOUSE: Foot of S. Gaffey St., San Pedro. Landscaped park features picnic areas and a

bandshell; call: 310-548-7705. The Point Fermin Lighthouse, built in 1874, is open daily except Monday, 1–4 PM, and is partially wheelchair accessible; call: 310-241-0684. A paved walkway runs along Paseo del Mar; steep beach paths are opposite Barbara and Meyler streets.

LOOKOUT POINT PARK: S. Gaffey St. between 34th and 36th streets, San Pedro. Views of Los Angeles Harbor.

CABRILLO BEACH: Steven M. White Dr., E. of S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro. Large sandy beaches; fee for parking. Call: 310-548-2909. To use a beach wheelchair, inquire at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

- Swimming
- Kitesurfing
- Harbor cruises and sport-fishing trips at 22nd Street Landing, 141 22nd St.; call: 310-832-8304
- The S.S. Lane Victory, a World War II victory ship, is at Berth 49 and is open daily, 9 AM–3 PM (fee applies); call: 310-519-9545
- Cabrillo Fishing Pier is east of Cabrillo Beach
- Public boat launch ramp is north of Cabrillo Beach

CABRILLO MARINE AQUARIUM: 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro. Exhibits and aquariums feature southern

California species; open Tues.–Fri., noon–5 PM, and on weekends, 10 AM–5 PM. Donations encouraged. Call: 310-548-7562.

PORTS O'CALL VILLAGE: Berth 77, L.A. Harbor, San Pedro. Restaurants, fish markets, harbor tours, and whale-watching excursions.

LOS ANGELES MARITIME MUSEUM: Berth 84, foot of 6th St., San Pedro. Exhibits document the history of Los Angeles Harbor. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 AM–5 PM; closed holidays. Donations suggested; call: 310-548-7618.

U.S.S. IOWA: Foot of 1st St., San Pedro. The battleship is open daily, 10 AM–5 PM, except certain holidays; call: 877-446-9261.

CRUISE SHIP PROMENADE: Berth 93, L.A. Harbor, San Pedro. The promenade overlooks cruise ships and the harbor beneath the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

CATALINA TERMINAL: Berths 94 and 95, L.A. Harbor, San Pedro. Catalina Express boats serve Avalon and Two Harbors; call: 1-800-481-3470. Island Express provides helicopter service to Catalina Island; call: 1-800-228-2566.



Queen Mary viewed from Rainbow Harbor

Los Angeles County

Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Areas

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Vincent Thomas Bridge												•							
South Shore Launch Ramp						•										•	•	•	
Queen Mary										•	•	•				•	•	•	•
Fishing Access									•				•			•	•		

VINCENT THOMAS BRIDGE: Hwy. 47 between San Pedro and Terminal Island, port of Los Angeles. The bridge, painted a vivid green, glows a soft blue each evening, thanks to more than 50,000 solar-powered light-emitting diodes (LEDs). The bridge was opened in 1963 and replaced ferries that carried workers to World War II-era shipyards, U.S. Navy facilities, and federal institutions on Terminal Island.

SOUTH SHORE LAUNCH RAMP: Queensway Dr., W. of Queensway Bay Bridge, Long Beach. Take the Queensway Bay Bridge south and keep right; turn right into Queensway Dr., then left to the launch ramp. Open 24 hours; fee for parking. Call: 562-570-8636.

QUEEN MARY: Pier J, Long Beach Harbor. The Queen Mary, once the largest luxury liner afloat, is now a hotel with restaurants

and shops. The Art Deco interior features extensive wood paneling and splendid murals. Open daily, 10 AM–6 PM; restaurants stay open later. Fee for entry. Call: 877-342-0738. Guided and self-guided tours; some explore parts of the historic ship that are not wheelchair accessible

FISHING ACCESS: Harbor Scenic Dr. South, Long Beach Harbor. A shoreline sidewalk runs along the water, with parallel parking and a chemical toilet; no other facilities. From Long Beach take the Queensway Bay Bridge south and get in the middle lane. South of the bridge, take the left fork toward the Queen Mary, then immediately exit right to Harbor Plaza East, toward Pier J. Turn right on Harbor Scenic Dr. South to reach the fishing access. Watch out for busy truck traffic to and from harbor terminals.

Los Angeles and Long Beach Port Areas

The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are America's busiest. Port facilities include piers for cargo ships, rail lines, trucking facilities, a commercial fishing fleet, and passenger terminals. Spirit Cruises offers boat tours that provide views of harbor activity, departing Ports O'Call Village in San Pedro and Shoreline Village in Long Beach; call: 310-548-8080. The port of Los Angeles offers occasional free boat tours, departing from San Pedro or Wilmington; call: 1-800-831-7678. The port of Long Beach offers free summertime harbor tours and train tours; see: www.polb.com.

Wilmington Waterfront Park, constructed by the port of Los Angeles along Harry Bridges Blvd. from Figueroa St. to Lagoon Ave., buffers adjacent residential areas, while providing elevated views of the port. Also in Wilmington are several recreational boat marinas located off Henry Ford Ave. and Anchorage Rd., northeast of the Vincent Thomas Bridge.



Vincent Thomas Bridge, Port of Los Angeles



Shoreline Village, Long Beach Shoreline Marina

Los Angeles County

Long Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Golden Shore Marine Biological Reserve									•								•	•	
Golden Shore RV Resort					•				•	•						•	•	•	•
Catalina Landing							•					•	•			•	•	•	•
Aquarium of the Pacific								•		•		•	•			•	•	•	•
Rainbow Harbor			•	•			•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Long Beach Shoreline Marina							•									•	•	•	•
Long Beach City Beach	•		•	•	•				•			•	•			•	•	•	•

GOLDEN SHORE MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESERVE:
Adjacent to Golden Shore RV Resort, Golden Shore St., Long Beach. Salt marsh and mudflat; adjacent metered parking. Call: 562-570-1600.

- View shorebirds feeding

GOLDEN SHORE RV RESORT:
101 Golden Shore St., Long Beach. Eighty RV campsites with hook-ups, swimming pool, laundry, and store. Call: 562-435-4646.

CATALINA LANDING: 320 *Golden Shore St., Long Beach.* Catalina Express boats depart daily for Avalon or Two Harbors on Catalina Island. Reservations recommended; call: 1-800-481-3470. Some Catalina Express boats depart seasonally from 1046 Queen's Hwy. next to the *Queen Mary*. Island Express helicopters to Catalina also depart adjacent to the *Queen Mary*; call: 1-800-228-2566.

AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC:
100 Aquarium Way at Shoreline Park, Long Beach. The aquarium houses ocean creatures from around the Pacific. Open daily, 9 AM–6 PM; closed December 25 and during the Long Beach Grand Prix in April. Free loaner wheelchairs are available. Fee parking structure is on Shoreline Drive. Call: 562-590-3100.

- Shark touch tanks
- Sea otters and penguins
- Walk-through lorikeet exhibit

RAINBOW HARBOR: *Foot of Pine Ave., S. of Shoreline Dr., Long Beach.* A waterfront promenade

rings the harbor; restaurants and shops are nearby. Fee parking.

- Shoreline Park has fishing platforms and picnic areas
- Sport-fishing charters, whale-watching trips, and boat rentals available
- For guest boat slip information, call: 562-570-8636
- Summertime AquaBus water taxi service around Queensway Bay; call: 562-591-8753
- A paved walkway connects Rainbow Harbor with Rainbow Lagoon and downtown Long Beach

LONG BEACH SHORELINE MARINA: *450 E. Shoreline Dr., E. of Rainbow Harbor, Long*

Beach. The marina holds 1,764 boats; for guest slip information, call: 562-570-4950.

- Shoreline Village features shops, restaurants, and a vintage carousel

LONG BEACH CITY BEACH:
Seaward of Ocean Blvd., Long Beach. The very wide beach is sheltered by a breakwater. Beach stairs are at 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 14th places; a ramp is at 11th Place. Metered parking is at Junipero Avenue.

- Swimming
- Beach volleyball
- A bicycle path runs along the beach



Rainbow Harbor



Naples



Los Angeles County

Belmont Shore to Naples

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Bixby Park										•	•		•	•			•	•	
Bluff Park		•								•			•				•		
Bemont Veterans Memorial Pier								•				•	•	•	•		•	•	
Belmont Shore	•	•	•			•						•	•			•	•	•	•
Alamitos Peninsula	•	•	•			•	•			•		•	•			•			
Naples		•				•	•						•						
Marine Park	•					•	•	•		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Marine Stadium						•						•	•			•	•	•	
Colorado Lagoon	•									•			•			•	•		
Alamitos Bay Marina		•				•							•			•	•	•	

BIXBY PARK: Ocean Blvd. between Cherry and Junipero avenues, Long Beach. Shady picnic areas and a band shell. Call: 562-570-1601.

- Skateboard park

BLUFF PARK: Seaward of Ocean Blvd., from Lindero Ave. to E. of Redondo Ave., Long Beach. Blufftop sidewalk with beach stairs at every other block.

- Long Beach Museum of Art is at 2300 E. Ocean Blvd.; call: 562-439-2119

BELMONT VETERANS MEMORIAL PIER: Foot of 39th Place, Long Beach. The 1,800-foot-long pier, with snack stand and bait shop, is open dawn to dusk; fee parking. The indoor Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool closed in 2012; for information, call: 562-570-1806.

BELMONT SHORE: Seaward of E. Ocean Blvd., between 39th Place and 54th Place, Long Beach. Wide beach with lifeguard service; large fee parking lots. Off-leash dog area is between Prospect and Granada avenues.

- Swimming
- Bike path runs along the beach
- Small boat launch is at LaVerne Ave.; metered parking
- Jet ski launch is at S. Granada Ave.; fee parking

ALAMITOS PENINSULA: Off E. Ocean Blvd., from 54th Place to 72nd Place, Long Beach. Pedestrian boardwalk called Seaside Walk

is reached via street ends from 54th to 69th Place. Bay Shore Walk runs from 55th to 65th Place, facing Alamitos Bay.

- Bayshore Beach and Playground at 54th Place has calm waters; call: 562-570-1715

- Jetty fishing at the end of the peninsula

NAPLES: Along E. 2nd St. in Alamitos Bay, Long Beach. Public walkways follow much of the shoreline and also connect E. Sorrento Dr. to the water's edge.

MARINE PARK: E. Appian Way at E. 2nd St. overcrossing, Long Beach. Picnic areas and a small boat dock; call: 562-570-3100.

- Swimming at Mothers Beach
- Volleyball
- Davies boat launch ramp is across the channel; exit E. Second St. at Marina Drive

MARINE STADIUM: N. of E. 2nd St. and E. of Appian Way, Long Beach. Boating area with separate hours for water-skiing and

rowing. Launch ramp on Paoli Way is open generally from 8 AM–dusk (fee applies); call: 562-570-3215. On Boathouse Ln., there is trailerable boat storage (fee applies) and public parking (no fee).

- Pete Archer Rowing Center on Boathouse Ln. offers rowing programs; call: 562-438-3352

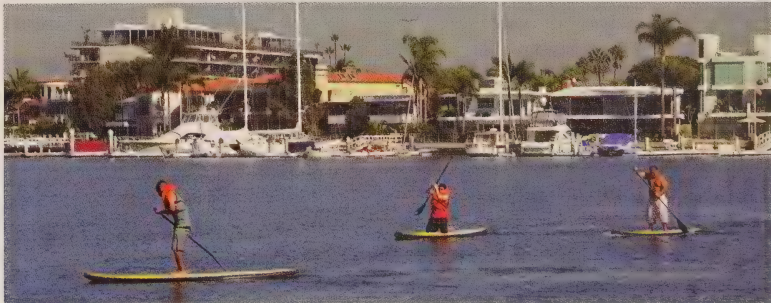
- Jack Dunster Marine Biological Reserve behind Pete Archer Rowing Center features a small tidal marsh

- Jack Nichol Park, with ball fields and waterfront promenade, is at the end of Costa del Sol Way

COLORADO LAAGOON: 5119 E. Colorado St. at E. Appian Way, Long Beach. Sandy beaches with seasonal lifeguard service.

ALAMITOS BAY MARINA: 205 Marina Dr., Long Beach. Boat slips and marina services; call: 562-570-3215.

- Summertime AquaBus water taxi service to Rainbow Harbor; call: 562-591-8753



Alamitos Bay



Avalon Bay

Los Angeles County

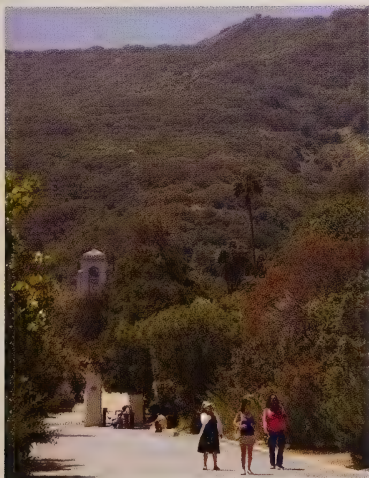
Avalon, Santa Catalina Island

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Hamilton Cove	•	•	•														•		
Descanso Beach	•				•												•	•	•
Casino Point Marine Park		•							•										
Avalon Bay						•	•				•								
Pleasure Pier						•	•	•				•	•			•	•		
Crescent Beach	•				•								•			•	•		
Nature Center at Avalon Canyon							•				•	•	•				•		
Hermit Gulch Campground			•	•	•				•								•	•	•
Wrigley Memorial and Botanical Garden			•					•				•	•				•	•	•

Getting to and Around Catalina Island

Catalina Express passenger ferries depart San Pedro, Long Beach, and Dana Point; call: 1-800-481-3470. The Catalina Flyer departs Newport Harbor; call: 1-800-830-7744. Island visitors use bicycles or golf carts to get around; for taxi service, call: 310-510-0025.

The Catalina Island Conservancy provides maps, tour information, and required hiking permits at 125 Clarissa Ave. in Avalon. Open daily, 8:30 AM–4:30 PM (closed for lunch); call: 310-510-2595 or see: www.catalinaconservancy.org. Tour vendors include the Santa Catalina Island Company (877-778-8322) and Catalina Adventure Tours (877-510-2888).



Path to Wrigley Botanical Garden

HAMILTON COVE: 1 mi. N. of Avalon Bay. Sign in at the guardhouse, then walk on Playa Azul to the beach, also accessible by kayak.

DESCANSO BEACH: N. of Avalon Casino. Private beach club is open to the public for a fee. For information, call: 310-510-7410.

- Beach equipment rentals
- Descanso Beach Ocean Sports offers kayaking and snorkeling expeditions; call: 310-510-1226

CASINO POINT MARINE PARK: Offshore from the Casino, Avalon. Underwater park includes kelp forests, shipwrecks, and marine life. Stairs into the bay are north of the casino.

- Snorkeling
- Diving

AVALON BAY: E. end of the island, on the leeward side. Avalon Harbor has no berths; for mooring assignments, check in with the Harbor Patrol boat, or call: 310-510-0535.

- Snorkeling gear and tours are available at Lover's Cove. For information, call: 310-510-8558

PLEASURE PIER: Foot of Catalina Ave., Avalon. The vivid turquoise "Green Pier" is where tour boats depart, while mainland ferries dock at the concrete Catalina Terminal. On the Pleasure Pier are concessions, equipment rentals, dinghy docks, and boat hoist. Diving supplies, bait and tackle, and fishing licenses are available.

CRESCENT BEACH: N. and S. of the Pleasure Pier, Avalon. A narrow, surf-free beach is next to the Pleasure Pier.

- Swimming

NATURE CENTER AT AVALON CANYON: 1202 Avalon Canyon Rd., Avalon. The Nature Center houses exhibits about the work of the Catalina Island Conservancy. Open daily, 10 AM–4 PM; closed on Thursdays from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Call: 310-510-0954.

HERMIT GULCH CAMPGROUND: Avalon Canyon Rd., 1.5 mi. from Pleasure Pier. Tent campsites and tent cabins, with showers, vending machines, and fire logs for sale. Walk from Avalon or take a taxi. Call: 310-510-8368 (fee applies for telephone reservations).

WRIGLEY MEMORIAL AND BOTANICAL GARDEN: Avalon Canyon Rd., 1.7 mi. from Pleasure Pier. The memorial is built almost entirely with native materials, including blue flagstone rock from Little Harbor and glazed tiles made by hand on the island by Catalina Pottery. The Botanical Garden features dry-climate plants; open daily except major holidays, 8 AM–5 PM. Call: 310-510-2897.



Pier at Isthmus Cove



Los Angeles County

Santa Catalina Island

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Parson's Landing Campground	•	•	•		•				•								•		•
Two Harbors Campground	•	•	•		•				•								•		•
Two Harbors Isthmus	•	•	•				•		•			•	•				•	•	
Little Harbor Campground	•	•	•		•				•	•							•		•
Windward Beaches	•	•	•						•										
Airport-in-the-Sky										•							•	•	•
Black Jack Campground			•		•				•								•		•
Haypress Picnic Area			•						•								•		

Exploring Catalina Island

For camping reservations, see: www.visitcatalinaisland.com, or call: 310-510-8368 (additional fee applies for telephone reservations). Most campsites include a picnic table, barbecue grill, and fire ring; chemical toilets are provided. Arriving campers must check in first at Island Plaza in Avalon or at Two Harbors Visitor Services. Seventeen boat-in campsites are at roadless locations on the east side of the island; campers must bring all supplies and equipment; reservations are essential.

The Safari Bus runs from Avalon to Two Harbors with stops at Airport-in-the-Sky and other points; call: 310-510-4205. The Wildlands Express shuttle bus links Avalon to the Airport-in-the-Sky; call: 310-510-0143.

PARSON'S LANDING CAMPGROUND: *Parson's Landing, N.W. end of the island.* There are eight campsites, requiring a hike of seven miles from Two Harbors; no running water.

TWO HARBORS CAMPGROUND: *Little Fisherman's Cove, Two Harbors.* Forty-two individual campsites, three group sites, and tent cabins (summer only) overlook the sea. Fresh water, showers, and lockers are provided.



Two Harbors Campground, Little Fishermans Cove

TWO HARBORS ISTHMUS: *N.W. part of the island.* Boat moorings and anchorages are at Isthmus Cove and Catalina Harbor; call the Harbor Patrol on VHF Channel 9 for mooring information. Boating facilities at Isthmus Cove include a fuel dock, dinghy dock, boat and motor rentals, and shore boat service; for Harbor Department information, call: 310-510-4253. The hamlet of Two Harbors has a general store, restaurant, and snack stand.

- Two Harbors Visitor Information Center is open daily, 7:30 AM–4:00 PM (until 6:30 PM in summer); call: 1-800-422-8475
- Fishing licenses and bait and tackle are available
- For diving equipment and excursions at Isthmus Cove, call: 310-510-4272

LITTLE HARBOR CAMPGROUND: *Little Harbor, on the windward side of the island.* There are 23 campsites with fresh water and showers; get there by Safari Bus from Avalon or Two Harbors.

WINDWARD BEACHES: *Windward side of the island.* From Little Harbor Campground, hike one-eighth mile to Shark Harbor, one mile to Cottonwood Beach, or two miles to Ben Weston Beach.

- Picnicking
- AIRPORT-IN-THE-SKY:** *On Airport Rd., 10 mi. N.W. of Avalon.* Charter services and private planes use this airport located atop the island.
- Outdoor Nature Center has displays about the natural history of Catalina Island

BLACK JACK CAMPGROUND: *9.4 mi. N.W. of Avalon.* Eleven campsites with distant ocean views; take the Safari Bus or Wildlands Express bus, then hike a mile and a half. Fresh water and showers available.

HAYPRESS PICNIC AREA: *On Airport Rd., 3.9 mi. from Avalon.* Hike from Avalon, or take the Safari Bus or Wildlands Express bus.

Visit the Coast with Small Children



Monterey Bay Aquarium

ON A SANDY BEACH, you can toss your shoes aside, wriggle your toes, look for tiny sand crabs, and maybe build a fort. For active, curious young people, there are also many other engaging activities on California's coast. Aquariums displaying intriguing marine creatures are located in many coastal communities, and some are particularly well suited to smaller visitors. The Roundhouse Aquarium on the Manhattan Beach Municipal Pier and SEA Lab aquarium in Redondo Beach are small in scale and have tanks housing tidepool creatures that visitors can touch. The ExplorOcean center in Newport Beach has a touch tank and organized activities focused on ocean resources and exploration; the adjacent Fun Zone amusement area has rides and arcade games. The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium under the Santa Monica Municipal Pier holds dozens of species of plants and animals native to Santa Monica Bay and has the advantage of being near the pier's amusement park rides and games. Young visitors can pet a shark at Ocean World Aquarium, 304 Hwy. 101 South, in Crescent City (707-464-4900); Seymour Marine Discovery Center in Santa Cruz; or the Living Coast Discovery Center near San Diego Bay in Chula Vista. The Morro

Bay Aquarium on Embarcadero Road in Morro Bay houses sea lions, in addition to eels, sharks, abalones, and sea anemones. There are interactive exhibits at Avila Beach's Central Coast Aquarium in San Luis Obispo County, and a sandy beach and playground are adjacent. The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro displays wildlife typical of southern California's marine habitats, including kelp forests and rocky shore, across from a large sandy beach. San Francisco's Aquarium of the Bay at Pier 39 has transparent tunnels surrounded by bay waters teeming with anchovies, giant seabass, and octopus; shark feeding demonstrations take place there. Kids can also enjoy coming face to face with sea creatures in the tidepool tunnel at the Ty Warner Sea Center on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara. Large facilities such as Steinhart Aquarium at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach, and San Diego's Birch Aquarium at Scripps contain more than enough to delight visitors of all ages. Many nature-oriented visitor centers offer activities designed for young people. The Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center in Oceanside offers storytime for tots, and

there is a children's activity room with small-scaled exhibits at the **Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center** near the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve in Orange County. Nature-themed exhibits designed for hands-on exploration are at the **Humboldt State University Natural History Museum** in Arcata. Also in Humboldt County, the **Children's Discovery Museum** at 501 3rd St. in Old Town Eureka features interactive exhibits focused on science, art, and technology; call: 707-443-9694.

Nautical-themed outdoor play structures are found in many coastal parks, including Morro Bay's **Tidelands Park** and Ventura Harbor's **Marina Park**, where a small-scaled zip line leads from a pirate ship to a big heap of sand. There is a shipwreck-themed playground at **Chase Palm Park** in Santa Barbara, and the **Dennis the Menace Playground** in Monterey's **El Estero Park** features a climbing wall, pint-sized maze, and many unusual play structures.

A summertime walk-through butterfly house housing species native to Orange County, including the monarch, buckeye, painted lady, and California's state butterfly, the California dogface, is located at the **Environmental Nature Center** in Newport Beach. At the **Aquarium of the Pacific** in Long Beach, visitors stroll through an aviary housing brilliantly colored rainbow lorikeets and feed the birds nectar from cups. **Lighthouse Field State Beach** in Santa Cruz offers close-up views (from behind a railing) of the surfers below and a lawn, benches, and telescopes.



El Estero Park, Monterey

Visitors to **Rodeo Beach** in the Marin Headlands can tour the **Marine Mammal Center** nearby to view the rescued seals and sea lions there. Protected beaches sheltered from wave action may appeal to families with little ones. These include **Mothers Beach** at **Marine Park** in Long Beach; **Mother's Beach** in Marina del Rey; and **Baby Beach** at **Dana Point Harbor** in Orange County.

California's **State Parks Department** offers many ideas for kids' activities, including some that take place on a visit to a state park or beach and others that can build interest prior to a park visit. Junior ranger programs, for children 7–12 years of age, are offered at many state parks and include wildlife observation, hiking, and games. For information on "Kids in Parks" activities, see: www.kids.parks.ca.gov.



La Jolla Shores Beach, San Diego County





Doheny State Beach

ORANGE COUNTY

NAMED FOR its once-vast citrus groves, Orange County is now better known for its magnificent beaches. The county is a prime destination for surfing, sunning, and playing on the sand. Among California's ten most popular state park units, three are shoreline parks in Orange County: Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington State Beach, and Doheny State Beach.

Vacation in an old-time beach cottage

The small beach community of Crystal Cove sprang up around 1917 on land that was then part of the vast Irvine Ranch. At first, the Irvine Company permitted beach visitors to put up tents and simple cabins. Then Pacific Coast Hwy. was built along the bluff, and southern California's burgeoning film industry discovered Crystal Cove as a stand-in for more exotic locales. More cottages were built in the 1930s. In 1979 the state park system took over the little hamlet of Crystal

Cove with its 46 cottages and the rest of the land that is now Crystal Cove State Park.

Twenty-one cottages have since been restored, while respecting their original use for low-key beach holidays in modest surroundings. Some of the cottages are available to the public as overnight accommodations. The Crystal Cove Alliance, which acts as concessionaire, operates a beachfront restaurant, blufftop snack stand, store, and visitor center. After expenses, all proceeds help support future improvements to the park, including the planned renovation of more cottages. For reservations, which are in high demand, call: 1-800-444-7275, or see: www.reserveamerica.com.

Swim in the ocean

Competitive open-water, or rough-water, swimming in the ocean is a tradition in Orange County. The Huntington Beach Pier Swim, held annually in June, is now in its seventh decade. Entrants swim from shore



Dana Point Harbor, west end

around the 1,850-foot-long Huntington Beach Pier and back. At Newport Beach, an annual two-mile-long ocean swim, known as the Pier-2-Pier, takes place annually in July and features a race from the base of the Balboa Pier along the shoreline to the Newport Pier.

The Seal Beach Swim Club's annual Rough Water Swim has been held for more than 40 years. Boys and girls in various age categories participate near the Seal Beach Pier in swims of various lengths from 200 yards to 1,200 yards, while the course length for older competitors is up to three miles. Through the year, the club holds many additional swimming events that impart values of teamwork and good sportsmanship. For information, see: www.sealbeachswimclub.org.

Enjoy a day on the water

Orange County is one of the nation's leading centers for recreational boating. Huntington Harbour, Newport Harbor, and Dana Point Harbor together hold some 15,000 powerboats, sailboats, and other craft. Numerous marinas provide slips and moorings as well as boating services, and there are restaurants, shops, and numerous vendors that rent boats, kayaks, and paddle equipment and provide tours and instruction.

The Newport Aquatic Center at North Star Beach in Upper Newport Bay offers

programs in rowing, canoeing, kayaking, and paddling. Competitive paddling events and rowing camps for kids and teenagers are also held. Stand-up paddleboards and other human-powered craft are available for rent. For information, call: 949-646-7725.

The OC Sailing and Events Center, located at Baby Beach in Dana Point Harbor, offers public programs for young people and adults in sailing, rowing, and marine safety. The center also offers instruction in kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding. For information, call: 949-923-2215.

For a look at the boating practices of an earlier era, a replica of the brig *Pilgrim* on which author Richard Henry Dana sailed to California in 1834 is now berthed at Dana Point Harbor next to the Ocean Institute. The *Pilgrim* is open for tours on most Sundays between 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM, when visitors can sing sea chanteys or learn from docents in period costume how to raise the sails. Public programs on the ship and on another tall ship, the *Spirit of Dana Point*, are given by the Ocean Institute. For more information, call: 949-496-2274.

Visit an art show

By the early 1900s, Laguna Beach had become known as an artists' colony. In 1918, painter Edgar Payne organized the Laguna Beach

Art Association, and the colony's first gallery opened. Laguna Beach is still home to many artists, as well as the Laguna Art Museum and the Laguna College of Art and Design. An evening "Art Walk" on the first Thursday of the month attracts visitors to some of the city's dozens of galleries. The Festival of Arts is a juried exhibition held each summer, and it also includes the Pageant of the Masters, a popular show featuring people in costume posing to replicate actual statues and paintings. The Art-A-Fair Festival also takes place during the summer and features selections from different international artists. Finally, the Sawdust Art Festival includes summertime and wintertime shows by both professionals and amateurs, all Laguna Beach residents, who build booths in a village-like setting where visitors can walk on sawdust-lined paths among the various arts and crafts. For information on local events, see: www.lagunabeacharts.com.

Look for wildlife

Despite its urbanized character, Orange County affords opportunities to view rare bird species. Endangered California least terns nest on islands in the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve during the spring and summer and can be seen swooping over the water as



Endangered Belding's savannah sparrow

they dive for fish. The birds' shrill voices are distinctive. The Amigos de Bolsa Chica leads free walks on the first Saturday of the month between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM and also on the last Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM, the latter highlighting the area's birdlife; call: 714-840-1575. The Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve is home to a number of rare bird species, including the light-footed clapper rail and Belding's savannah sparrow, both endangered. The Newport Bay Conservancy hosts a variety of tours and wildlife programs into Upper Newport Bay; call: 949-640-1751.



Endangered light-footed clapper rail, Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve



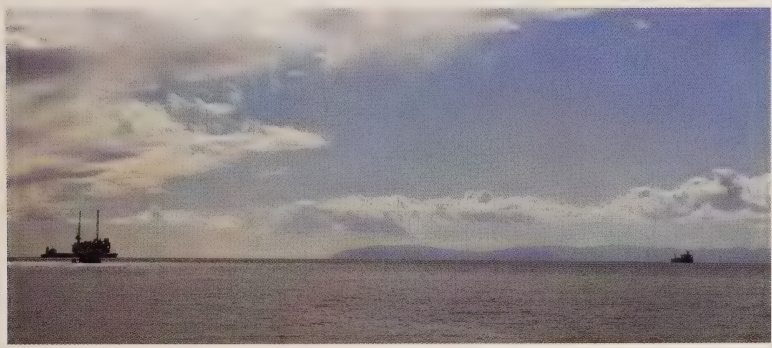
Huntington Harbour



Orange County

Seal Beach and Huntington Harbour

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Seal Beach	•		•	•		•			•		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	
Seal Beach Pier									•			•	•			•	•	•	
San Gabriel River Trail			•	•						•		•	•					•	
Surfside Beach	•																		
Sunset Beach	•			•		•						•	•			•	•		
Huntington Harbour			•	•			•		•	•		•	•			•	•	•	
French Park			•	•					•				•			•			
Seabridge Park	•				•					•		•	•			•	•		
Sunset Aquatic Marina						•										•	•	•	
Warner Avenue Access						•												•	



View from Seal Beach Pier toward Catalina Island

SEAL BEACH: *Seaward of Ocean Ave., Seal Beach.* Parking is at 8th and 10th streets, and a separate lot is at 1st St.; pay at self-service machines. A beach wheelchair is at lifeguard headquarters at the Seal Beach Pier, lower level; for information, call: 562-430-2613. A paved path runs south from the pier.

- Separate beach areas are designated for swimming, surfing, and kitesurfing

SEAL BEACH PIER: *Foot of Main St., Seal Beach.* The pier points directly at Santa Catalina Island, some 26 miles distant.

- Pier fishing
- Restaurant

SAN GABRIEL RIVER TRAIL: *E. bank of the San Gabriel River.* Paved bicycle path runs from the foot of 1st St. to the San Gabriel Mountains.

SURFSIDE BEACH: *Anderson St. and Pacific Coast Hwy., Surfside.* Access available for pedestrians

and bicyclists through the Anderson St. gate of the private Surfside community.

SUNSET BEACH: *W. of Pacific Ave., Huntington Beach.* Beach access is at street ends from Anderson St. to Warner Avenue. Restrooms and 600 parking spaces are along Pacific Avenue. Lifeguard service is available.

- Beach volleyball
- Surfing areas are designated by flags

HUNTINGTON HARBOUR: *E. of Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach.* Marinas have space for over 3,000 boats; there are residential and commercial areas. For harbor information, call: 714-840-5222.

- Small public parks and bulkhead pathways are dotted across Huntington Harbour's five islands

FRENCH PARK: *Along Venture Dr., Trinidad Island, Huntington Beach.* Landscaped park with

on-street parking. A greenbelt continues across the island to a small park with restroom facilities along Trinidad Lane.

- Small public fishing dock

SEABRIDGE PARK: *End of Countess Dr., off Edinger Ave., Huntington Beach.* Sandy beach with picnic area. To reach a harbor-view walkway, push open the gate on the north side of the condominiums at the end of Countess Drive. Additional small public beaches are on Davenport Dr. just west of Edgewater Ln. and on Humboldt Dr. west of Saybrook Lane.

SUNSET AQUATIC MARINA: *2901 Edinger Ave., Huntington Beach.* Marina has private boat slips, guest slips, and a multi-lane, 24-hour concrete boat ramp (fee applies). Dry storage and repair facilities available. Call: 562-592-2833. Ocean access from Sunset Aquatic Marina is along the U.S. Naval Weapons Station at Anaheim Bay, where non-powered boats are not permitted.

WARNER AVENUE ACCESS: *N. side of Warner Ave., E. of Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach.* Hand-carried boat launch is possible; park in spaces marked for beach parking at Huntington Harbour Bay and Racquet Club. A one-lane public boat launch ramp is next to the Huntington Harbour Yacht Club near Pacific Coast Hwy.; the launch is free, but parking fee applies.



Path along Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve



Orange County

Bolsa Chica

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center			•					•		•	•	•			•	•		
Bolsa Chica State Beach	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve		•						•			•	•			•	•		
Bolsa Chica State Beach Campground	•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•			•	•	•	•
Dog Beach	•	•	•						•						•	•	•	•

BOLSA CHICA INTERPRETIVE CENTER: 3842 Warner Ave. at Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach. Displays about plants and wildlife of the Bolsa Chica wetlands. Saltwater aquariums contain sea stars, shore crabs, and spiny lobsters. Open daily, 9 AM–4 PM. Call: 714-846-1114.

- Trail overlooks the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve

BOLSA CHICA STATE BEACH: W. of Pacific Coast Hwy., S. of Warner Ave., Huntington Beach. Three-mile-long beach with large parking lots, picnic areas, and food concessions. For a beach wheelchair, contact a lifeguard or call: 714-846-3460. Park entrance gates are open 6 AM–9 PM, year round.

- Beach volleyball
- Surfing
- Surf fishing for perch, corbina, croakers, and occasional sharks
- Bare-handed fishing for grunion, which spawn on the beach at night
- Paved multi-use path runs the length of the beach

BOLSA CHICA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: E. of Pacific Coast Hwy., S. of Warner Ave., Huntington Beach. Once largely drained for farming, the Bolsa Chica wetlands have undergone extensive restoration, including construction of a channel that supplies tidal salt-water. Walk east over a bridge for close-up looks at marsh birds and distant views of water and sky. A trail continues north, looping around part of Bolsa Bay. Parking entrance is accessible only from the north-bound lanes of Pacific Coast

Highway. Open daily, sunrise–sunset. Call: 858-467-4201.

- Watch endangered California least terns dive for fish during spring and summer nesting season
- Other endangered species inhabiting the wetlands include Belding’s savannah sparrow and the light-footed clapper rail
- Amigos de Bolsa Chica–led walks start between 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of the month; call: 714-840-1575

BOLSA CHICA STATE BEACH CAMPGROUND: W. of Pacific Coast Hwy., S. of entrance to Bolsa Chica State Beach, Huntington Beach. Fifty-seven enroute campsites are available for self-contained RVs; there are electrical and water hookups and

coin-operated hot showers. No tent camping allowed. An RV dump station is located near the campground. Reservations required; call: 1-800-444-7275.

DOG BEACH: W. of Pacific Coast Hwy., from Seapoint Ave. to Golden West St., Huntington Beach. Dogs are allowed on this part only of Huntington City Beach. There are two metered parking lots, one south of Seapoint Ave. and the other north of Golden West St.; enter from southbound Pacific Coast Highway. Ramps lead down to the beach from the ends of the parking lots. Picnic tables are on the bluff at the north end of Dog Beach. Huntington Beach city lifeguards are on duty year round, from dawn to dusk. For beach information, call: 714-536-5281.



Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve



Huntington Beach Pier Plaza

Orange County

Huntington Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum											•	•	•				•		•
Huntington Beach Pier									•			•	•	•			•	•	
Huntington City Beach	•		•	•	•	•			•				•	•			•	•	•
Huntington Beach Wetlands			•					•											
Huntington State Beach	•	•	•			•			•				•	•			•	•	•
Santa Ana River Trail			•	•				•		•				•					

HUNTINGTON BEACH INTERNATIONAL SURFING MUSEUM: *411 Olive Ave., Huntington Beach.* Exhibits about surfing pioneers and surf music. Massive old-time surfboards are on display. Gift shop. Open daily, with variable hours; call: 714-960-3483.

HUNTINGTON BEACH PIER: *Main St. at Pacific Coast Hwy., Huntington Beach.* The concrete pier is open 5 AM–midnight and floodlit at night. No license required for fishing from the pier, although regular catch limits apply. Fee parking lots are north and south of the pier; more parking is east of Main St. between Walnut and Olive streets.

- Visitor information kiosk is at the foot of the pier

HUNTINGTON CITY BEACH: *W. of Pacific Coast Hwy., from Golden West St. to Beach Blvd., Huntington Beach.* Long stretch of sand with volleyball courts and concession stands; beach wheelchairs are at the concessions.

A multi-use path runs along the beach. A 2,400-space fee parking lot has three entrances: First St., Huntington St., and Beach Boulevard. A separate lot is entered at 6th Street. Metered parking is along Pacific Coast Highway. For beach information, contact the Marine Safety office at 103 Pacific Coast Hwy., or call: 714-536-5281. Huntington Beach city lifeguards are on duty year round; lifeguard towers are staffed seasonally. For recorded surf report, call: 714-536-9303.

- Swimming
- U.S. Open Surfing Championship occurs annually in July
- Surfing instruction is available from HB Surf School (714-658-6873) and Newland Street Super Surf Camp (714-901-9030)
- RV camping is allowed south of the pier, Oct. 1–May 31; call: 714-536-5286

HUNTINGTON BEACH WETLANDS: *Inland of Pacific Coast Hwy., from Beach Blvd. to Santa Ana River mouth, Huntington Beach.* A series of marshes

remain, part of the huge wetland complex that once existed here. A multi-purpose trail runs along the inland side of Talbert Marsh from Brookhurst St. to the Santa Ana River Trail; there is no parking at the Brookhurst gate.

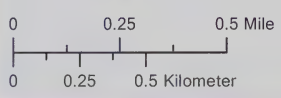
HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH: *Seaward of Pacific Coast Hwy. from Beach Blvd. to the Santa Ana River, Huntington Beach.* Two miles of sand and surf. Contact a lifeguard for a beach wheelchair. Fee parking area is entered at Beach Blvd., Newland St., Magnolia St., and Brookhurst Street. For beach information, call: 714-536-1455.

- Swimming
- Shaded picnic ramadas
- Wheelchair-accessible ramps to beach

SANTA ANA RIVER TRAIL: *Both sides of the Santa Ana River, starting at Pacific Coast Hwy., Newport Beach.* Paved trail follows the river 29 miles to the Chino Hills in Riverside County, past the Talbert Nature Preserve, an Orange County park.



Huntington City Beach



Newport Pier



Orange County

Newport Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Santa Ana River Mouth Beach	•								•	•								•	
West Newport Beach	•									•			•	•			•	•	•
Harbor Beaches	•						•	•	•	•			•	•			•	•	
Newport Pier									•			•	•	•			•	•	•
Balboa Beach	•		•	•					•				•	•			•	•	•
Newport Harbor							•	•	•								•	•	

SANTA ANA RIVER MOUTH BEACH: *Both sides of Santa Ana River, seaward of Pacific Coast Hwy., Newport Beach.* A narrow strip of sand is at the mouth of the river. Access is from Huntington State Beach or from the north end of Seashore Drive. Call: 949-923-2250.

WEST NEWPORT BEACH: *Santa Ana River mouth to Newport Pier, Newport Beach.* Most street ends lead to the beach. West Newport Park along Seashore Dr. has picnic tables, play equipment, and metered parking lots. Additional parking is north of Newport Pier; on-street parking is very limited. Ask at the lifeguard station at Newport Pier for a beach wheelchair, or call: 949-644-3047. Dogs are not allowed on bay or ocean beaches in Newport Beach between 10 AM and 4:30 PM; leashed dogs allowed at other times.

- Volleyball nets on the beach
- Surfing is regulated by season; flags designating conditions fly at lifeguard stations

HARBOR BEACHES: *Bay side of Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* Many street ends provide access to the water's edge, including thirteen street ends on Lido Isle. Hand-carried boats can be launched at Balboa Peninsula street ends between 11th and 15th streets. Boaters may load and unload passengers and gear at docks at the ends of 19th and 15th streets. Vest-pocket parks (limited parking) include Channel Place Park at 44th St.; Newport Island Park on Marcus Ave. between 38th and 39th streets; Lido Park at Lafayette Rd. and 32nd St.; Las Arenas Beach at 18th St.; Las Arenas Park at 15th St. and W. Bay Ave. with basketball and tennis courts; and 10th St. Beach along W. Bay Avenue.

NEWPORT PIER: *Near W. end of 21st St., Newport Beach.* Fish cleaning stations are on the pier. The pier, built in 1888, is open 5 AM–midnight; for information, call: 949-644-3047. Parking lots are located off W. Balboa Blvd.,

north of Newport Pier, and near 15th Street.

- At the inland end of the pier anglers catch perch and croaker species
- At the outer end of the pier anglers catch pelagic species, such as mackerel and bonito, as well as deep water species, including sanddabs and hake

BALBOA BEACH: *From Newport Pier to Balboa Pier, Newport Beach.* Street ends provide beach access; metered parking is along Balboa Boulevard. Paved boardwalk called Oceanfront runs along the beach from 36th St. to E St. and is used by walkers, skaters, and bicyclists.

NEWPORT HARBOR: *N.E. of Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* One of America's largest small-craft harbors, with 10,000 recreational vessels. Guest mooring areas and boat slips are available; call: 949-723-1002. Many waterfront shops and restaurants incorporate public pedestrian areas overlooking the harbor.



Newport Pier



Corona del Mar State Beach



Orange County

Balboa to Corona del Mar

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Balboa Island	•	•				•	•	•					•			•			
ExplorOcean							•				•	•					•	•	•
Balboa Pavilion						•		•				•	•	•		•	•	•	
Peninsula Park													•				•		
Balboa Pier									•			•	•			•	•	•	
Bay Beaches	•					•													
West Jetty View Park							•	•	•								•		
Bayside Drive County Beach	•				•	•						•	•			•	•		
China Cove Beach	•					•													
Pirates Cove	•	•																	
Corona del Mar State Beach	•	•			•		•	•	•			•				•	•	•	•
Little Corona del Mar Beach	•	•					•					•				•			

BALBOA ISLAND: *Marine Ave., Newport Beach.* Vehicle access only via a bridge at Jamboree Rd. and the Balboa Island Ferry; parking is very limited. Bay access is from street ends and Bayfront Boardwalk.

- Small public boat docks are at the south ends of Emerald and Opal avenues
- Hand-launching of small craft is allowed at many street ends

EXPLOROCEAN: *600 E. Bay Ave., Newport Beach.* Hands-on activities focus on ocean resources and exploration. Open daily at 11 AM, with variable closing times; call: 949-675-8915.

- The adjacent Fun Zone has a carousel, Ferris wheel, and arcades
- Sport-fishing and whale-watching excursions available nearby
- Boats and bicycles for rent

BALBOA PAVILION: *400 Main St., Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* The historic building houses a restaurant, fishing tackle shop, and boat rental shop.

- Catalina Flyer serves Santa Catalina Island; call: 888-317-3576

PENINSULA PARK: *Main St. at E. Oceanfront, Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* Palm-studded park with a picnic area.

BALBOA PIER: *W. of Balboa Blvd. at Main St., Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* Fishing pier is open 5 AM–midnight. A 650-space fee parking lot is at the foot of the pier. Balboa Beach extends both upcoast and down from Balboa Pier. For recorded surf report, call: 949-673-3371.

BAY BEACHES: *Harbor side, Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* A bayfront walkway runs north from Main Street. Bay access points include Montero Beach at Island Ave.; street ends from B to K streets; and public docks at Fernando St., Main St., and E. Balboa Boulevard.

WEST JETTY VIEW PARK: *End of Channel Rd., Balboa Peninsula, Newport Beach.* Small park overlooks the Wedge, a challenging surfing spot.

BAYSIDE DRIVE COUNTY BEACH: *1901 Bayside Dr., Corona del Mar.* South of the Coast Guard facility is a small bay beach. Some parking is reserved for beach visitors. For information, call: 949-923-2250.

- Volleyball net

CHINA COVE BEACH: *Along Harbor Channel, W. of Fernleaf Ave., Corona del Mar.* Sandy pocket coves; no on-site parking. Pedestrian stairs at Fernleaf Avenue.

PIRATES COVE: *Along Harbor Channel, S. of China Cove Beach, Corona del Mar.* Wave-formed caves are reached by stairs at Heliotrope Avenue.

CORONA DEL MAR STATE BEACH: *Ocean Blvd. opposite end of Jasmine Ave., Corona del Mar.* Wide sandy beach with rocky areas at the south end. State Parks Annual Day Use Pass not accepted. Call: 949-644-3151. Beach wheelchair available. Pedestrian beach access is at Jasmine Ave. and Orchid Ave. opposite Inspiration Point.

- Swimming
- Diving
- Sand volleyball nets

LITTLE CORONA DEL MAR BEACH: *Ocean Blvd. and Poppy Ave., Corona del Mar.* Picturesque cove accessible via ramp. On-street parking only.



Corona del Mar State Beach



Upper Newport Bay from Back Bay Drive

Orange County

Upper Newport Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Castaways Park		•								•		•	•				•		
Environmental Nature Center		•						•			•	•	•				•	•	
Westcliff Park										•			•					•	
Newport Aquatic Center at North Star Beach	•						•	•				•					•	•	•
Galaxy Park										•			•					•	
Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve		•	•					•					•				•	•	
Peter and Mary Muth Interpretive Center		•						•			•	•	•				•	•	
Vista Point			•	•				•										•	
Newport Dunes Waterfront Resort and Marina	•	•		•	•	•				•	•		•				•	•	•
Back Bay View Park		•											•						
Back Bay Science Center								•		•		•	•				•	•	

CASTAWAYS PARK: *Castaways Ln. at Dover Dr., Newport Beach.* Turn sharp right off Castaways Ln. into the first parking lot to reach a landscaped overlook and blufftop path.

ENVIRONMENTAL NATURE CENTER: *1601 16th St., Newport Beach.* Nature camps and programs are available for young people and adults. Open daily, 8 AM–4 PM (5 PM on weekdays); closed most holidays. Call: 949-645-8489.

- Walking trails through 15 California native plant communities
- Summertime butterfly house

WESTCLIFF PARK: *Polaris Dr. off Westcliff Dr., Newport Beach.* Nice bay views.

NEWPORT AQUATIC CENTER AT NORTH STAR BEACH: *1 Whitecliffs Dr., off Polaris Dr., Newport Beach.* The nonprofit center offers programs for rowing, canoeing, kayaking, and paddling. Call: 949-646-7725.

- Stand-up paddleboards and other human-powered craft available to rent
- Instruction offered to the public
- Sandy bay beach

GALAXY PARK: *1400 block of Galaxy Dr., Newport Beach.* Landscaped blufftop park with bay views.

UPPER NEWPORT BAY ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: *W. of Backbay Dr., Newport Beach.* The Reserve, managed by the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and the adjoining Nature Preserve, managed by Orange County, together include nearly 1,000 acres of estuary, intertidal mudflat, and salt marsh. Backbay Dr. (a one-way road) provides views of the reserve; enter off Jamboree Road. An overlook with interpretive panels and parking is on Backbay Dr. north of San Joaquin Hills Road.

PETER AND MARY MUTH INTERPRETIVE CENTER: *2301 University Dr., Newport Beach.* Attractive exhibits, a children's activity room, and a multi-screen film about the wildlife of Upper Newport Bay. Open Tues.–Sun., 10 AM–4 PM; closed major holidays. Call: 949-923-2290.

- Trails, some for equestrians, ring much of the bay



View from Muth Interpretive Center

VISTA POINT: *Backbay Dr. and Eastbluff Dr., Newport Beach.* Views of Upper Newport Bay; roadside parking.

- The San Diego Creek Trail starts at Jamboree Rd. north of Eastbluff Dr. and runs to Tustin and beyond

NEWPORT DUNES WATERFRONT RESORT AND MARINA: *1131 Backbay Dr., Newport Beach.* Privately operated resort. The marina has boat slips (including guest slips), pumpout facilities, dry storage, and a multi-lane boat ramp open 24 hours; boat launch fee. Accommodations include 382 RV campsites plus tent sites and cottages. Reservations required. Call: 949-729-3863.

- Swimming lagoon and beach bordered by paved promenade
- Recreational equipment rentals

BACK BAY VIEW PARK: *Corner of Jamboree Rd. and Coast Hwy., Newport Beach.* Bay views and native plants; park on Backbay Dr. north of Jamboree Rd. and walk uphill.

BACK BAY SCIENCE CENTER: *Shellmaker Rd., off Backbay Dr., Newport Beach.* Educational programs about the ecology of Upper Newport Bay are mostly for student groups; there are occasional naturalist-led public tours. Call: 949-640-9958.



Reef Point, Crystal Cove State Park



Orange County

Crystal Cove State Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Crystal Cove State Park	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
Crystal Cove Historic District	•	•	•								•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•
El Moro Visitor Center			•					•			•		•	•		•	•		
Moro Canyon			•		•								•	•		•	•	•	
Laguna Coast Wilderness Park			•	•				•								•	•	•	

CRYSTAL COVE STATE PARK: *Along Coast Hwy. between Corona del Mar and Laguna Beach. One of the gems in California's outstanding state park system, Crystal Cove State Park includes over three miles of magnificent shoreline. Inland of Coast Hwy., the state park encompasses most of the Moro Canyon watershed in the San Joaquin Hills.*

The Pelican Point entrance to Crystal Cove State Park is at the intersection of Newport Coast Dr. and Coast Highway. There are four separate parking lots linked by a blufftop path, with pedestrian access to beaches at several points. Another park entrance is at Reef Point, which overlooks a popular surfing spot.

- Day-use parking hours are 6 AM to sunset. No fires are allowed on the beach. Leashed dogs are allowed only on paved trails seaward of Coast Hwy. and not on the beach. For park information, call: 949-494-3539.
- Trails for hiking, biking, and equestrian use
- Historic beach cottages for public rental

▪ Crystal Cove Underwater Park encompasses several popular dive sites; all resources are protected

CRYSTAL COVE HISTORIC DISTRICT: *Seaward of Coast Hwy. at the mouth of Los Trancos Canyon. Park at the Los Trancos lot, inland of Coast Hwy., and walk ten minutes to the shoreline using the pedestrian underpass or signalized crosswalk, or take the shuttle (fee applies). Twenty-four vintage cottages serve as public overnight accommodations. Reserve well ahead of time (maximum of seven months in advance); call: 1-800-444-7275 or go to www.reserveamerica.com and search for "Crystal Cove Beach Cottages." Four of the cottages are accessible to the disabled. Another dozen or so cottages remain to be restored for public use.*

- Beachcomber café
- Park store
- Visitor center

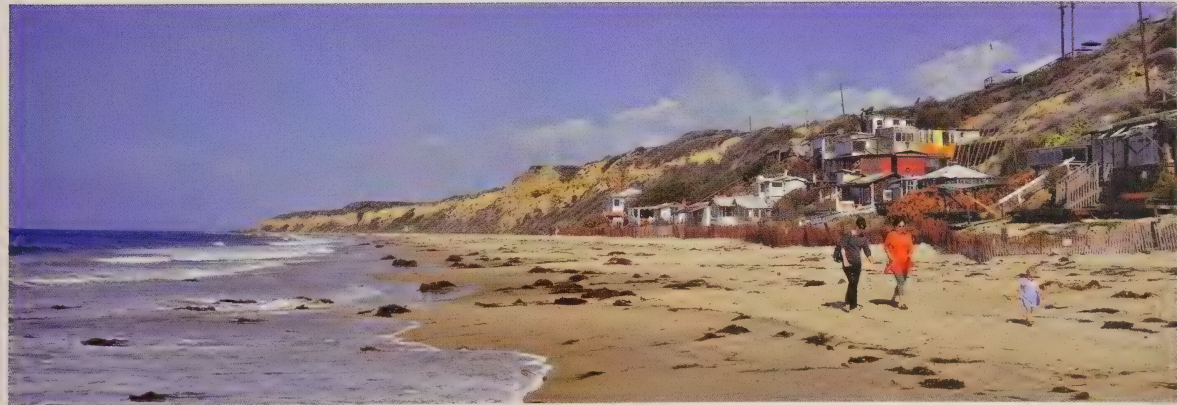
EL MORO VISITOR CENTER: *Inland of Coast Hwy., 1 mi. S. of Los Trancos Canyon. Interpretive*

displays and maps are available; the center is open daily, 9 AM–5 PM. Loop trails begin at the parking lot. Bring plenty of drinking water.

MORO CANYON: *Inland of Coast Hwy. at the mouth of El Moro Canyon. The campground has 60 sites for RVs or tents. An adjacent day-use area has picnic ramadas and trails leading inland and also to the beach via a pedestrian underpass.*

Thirty-two hike-in campsites are in El Moro Canyon, three miles inland (and uphill) from Coast Highway. Register at El Moro ranger station. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. Carry your own water. Horses are allowed but no dogs. Due to the risk of fire, no open flames are permitted in the backcountry.

LAGUNA COAST WILDERNESS PARK: *W. Side of Laguna Cyn. Rd., 3 mi. inland from Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach. Trails are for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers; the parking area is open 8 AM–5 PM. No fires or smoking are allowed. Call: 949-923-2235.*



Crystal Cove Historic District



Laguna Beach, Main Beach

Orange County

Laguna Beach North

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Crescent Bay	•				•		•								•			
Shaw's Cove	•	•					•											
Fisherman's Cove	•	•					•											
Divers Cove	•	•					•								•	•		
Picnic Beach	•	•			•		•								•	•		
Heisler Park			•		•						•	•			•	•		
Rockpile Beach	•	•					•											
Main Beach	•				•				•			•	•		•	•	•	
Pacific Marine Mammal Center							•			•		•	•		•	•		

CRESCENT BAY: *Off Cliff Dr. at Circle Way, Laguna Beach.* A steep ramp to the beach starts from Cliff Dr. at Circle Way. A beach stairway from Circle Way is one block north of the ramp. Crescent Bay Point Park is at the end of Crescent Bay Dr. overlooking the sea; no beach access.

- Skimboarding
- Body surfing
- Diving

SHAW'S COVE: *Off Cliff Dr., opposite Fairview St., Laguna Beach.* Sandy pocket beach is reached via a stairway.

- Swimming
- Bodyboarding
- Diving

FISHERMAN'S COVE: *600 block of Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach.* Hard-to-see beach stairs are on the north side of a large condominium complex.

DIVERS COVE: *600 block of Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach.* Beach stairs are located 20 yards south of the stairway to Fisherman's Cove. Metered street parking is adjacent.

- Swimming
- Body surfing
- Diving

PICNIC BEACH: *Off Cliff Dr., opposite Myrtle St., Laguna Beach.* Ramps lead from adjacent Heisler Park down to the shoreline. Beach shower is in Heisler Park.

- Diving
- Tidepooling (use caution and do not disturb marine creatures or plants)

HEISLER PARK: *400 block of Cliff Dr., Laguna Beach.* Beautifully landscaped clifftop park includes picnic areas and beach stairs and paths. Metered parking is on Cliff Drive.

ROCKPILE BEACH: *Off Cliff Dr., opposite Jasmine St., Laguna Beach.* There are sandy and rocky stretches with tidepools.

- Designated surfing beach (no swimming)

MAIN BEACH: *W. end of Broadway St., Laguna Beach.* This very wide beach is at the heart of Laguna Beach. A beach wheelchair is available at the lifeguard headquarters at the north end of the beach. Limited fee parking is in city lots off Broadway St. near Coast Hwy.; there is also metered street parking. A boardwalk runs along the sand.

- Swimming
- Surfing (except during the summer months)
- Sand volleyball
- Basketball courts

PACIFIC MARINE MAMMAL CENTER: *20612 Laguna Canyon Rd., Laguna Beach.* The center rehabilitates and releases sea lions and seals that are stranded on Orange County beaches due to injury or illness. The public can observe animals

being treated. Open daily, 10 AM–4 PM; call: 949-494-3050. Donations welcome.

- Summer day camps introduce young people to marine mammal care

Laguna City Beaches

Leashed dogs are allowed on most beaches in Laguna Beach except between 9 AM and 6 PM from June 15 to September 10; observe posted restrictions. Note that separate areas are designated for swimming and board sports. Lifeguards are on duty year round; towers are staffed seasonally. Yellow flags with a black dot indicate "black-balled" areas where surfing is not allowed. Do not take shells, rocks, or marine life. For recorded surf and tide report, call: 949-494-6573.



Crescent Bay



Treasure Island Park

Orange County

Laguna Beach to Aliso Beach Park

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Central Laguna Beaches	•	•														•		•	
Wood's Cove	•	•																	
Moss Point	•	•																	
Victoria Beach	•	•															•		
Treasure Island Park			•		•				•			•	•			•	•	•	
Treasure Island Beach	•	•	•		•		•									•	•	•	
Aliso Beach Park	•	•			•		•			•		•	•			•	•	•	•

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CENTRAL LAGUNA BEACHES:

S. of Main Beach, Laguna Beach. A chain of sandy beaches, separated by rock outcroppings, is located south of Main Beach. Beach stairs are located at most street ends starting at the north end of Sleepy Hollow Ln. and extending south to Pearl Street. A beach ramp is at the end of Bluebird Canyon Road. There is no parking at the street ends; limited metered parking is on S. Coast Highway.

WOOD'S COVE: *W. of Coast Hwy., between Pearl St. and Diamond St., Laguna Beach.* Wood's Cove and adjacent Lover's Cove are reached via stairs at the end of Diamond St. and off Ocean Way a short block north of Diamond Street. Rocks and rip currents present hazards; use caution in entering the water. A small landscaped park is at the end of Ruby Street.

MOSS POINT: *W. of Coast Hwy., end of Moss St., Laguna Beach.* A sandy pocket beach bounded by rocks.

VICTORIA BEACH: *S. of Victoria Dr., Laguna Beach.* Quarter-mile-long stretch of sand is reached via stairs near the end of Sunset Terrace and the end of Dumond Drive. Very limited on-street parking.

- Beach volleyball
- Body surfing
- Diving
- Skimboarding (south end)

TREASURE ISLAND PARK: *Seaward of Montage Resort, Laguna Beach.* The beautifully landscaped blufftop park has benches, picnic tables, and winding paths. A fee parking structure is at the signalized intersection of S. Coast Hwy. and Wesley Drive. Stairs and ramps lead to the beach. There is also pedestrian access to Treasure Island Park from Montage Resort Drive.

TREASURE ISLAND BEACH: *S. of the Montage Resort, Laguna Beach.* A quarter-mile-long stretch of sand extends seaward of Treasure Island Park; rocky areas are at the north end of the beach.

- Swimming
- Diving
- Skimboarding (south end)
- Tidepooling

ALISO BEACH PARK: *31000 block of S. Coast Hwy., Laguna Beach.* A popular sandy beach, but not for swimming, as waves often break close to shore. A concession stand rents recreational equipment. A beach wheelchair is available from the lifeguard; call: 949-276-5050. For park information, call: 949-923-2280. A pedestrian underpass leads inland beneath S. Coast Hwy. to a picnic area overlooking Aliso Creek.

- Surfing
- Bodyboarding
- Tidepooling



End of Cleo Street, Laguna Beach



Orange County
South Laguna

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Camel Point Beach	•	•															•	•	
West Street Beach	•	•																•	
Table Rock Beach	•																	•	
Thousand Steps Beach	•				•												•	•	
Aliso and Wood Canyons Wilderness Park			•	•	•					•		•					•	•	•
Salt Creek Beach Park	•	•			•			•				•	•			•	•	•	•
Strand Beach	•				•							•					•	•	

CAMEL POINT BEACH: *End of Camel Point Dr., South Laguna.* This part of Aliso Beach Park can be reached through a pedestrian gate at the end of Camel Point Dr. off S. Coast Hwy.; highway shoulder parking only. Two more public walkways to the same beach are between residences in the 31300 block of S. Coast Hwy. Do not trespass on private property.

- Volleyball nets on the sand

WEST STREET BEACH: *Opposite end of West St., South Laguna.* A beach stairway is at the end of West St.; another is 200 feet north of West Street. Be cautious of submerged rocks. Limited shoulder parking on S. Coast Hwy.; use caution, as traffic moves fast here.

- Skimboarding

TABLE ROCK BEACH: *Off Table Rock Dr., South Laguna.* Stairs to sandy cove; the beach is steep, and the surf can be rough. Limited shoulder parking.

THOUSAND STEPS BEACH: *Opposite 9th Ave., South Laguna.* Actually, 223 steep steps lead from S. Coast Hwy. to a long sandy beach. Swimming conditions can change rapidly. Limited shoulder parking.

ALISO AND WOOD CANYONS WILDERNESS PARK: 28373 Alicia Parkway, Laguna Niguel. More than 30 miles of trails are for hikers, equestrians, and mountain bikers; leashed dogs OK on select trails. Open daily, 7 AM–sunset; call: 949-923-2200.

SALT CREEK BEACH PARK: *Off Ritz-Carlton Dr., Dana Point.* The beach is a mile and a half long. Use Ritz-Carlton Dr., which forms a loop off Pacific Coast Hwy., to reach the large fee parking lot; visitors with disabled-person parking placards may drive closer to the beach for passenger drop-off. The parking lot is open 5 AM–midnight. For park information, call: 949-923-2280.

Lawns and picnic areas are located on the bluff. Paths lead north and east through a golf course into Salt Creek Regional Park. To the north of Salt Creek Beach is the private Monarch Beach community; public shoreline access is along the wet sand at low tide only. Do not trespass. A scenic path around the perimeter of the Ritz-Carlton

Hotel can be reached from Ritz-Carlton Dr. via a pedestrian gate on the south side of the hotel's service entrance.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Surf fishing (observe local restrictions)

STRAND BEACH: *Off Selva Rd., Dana Point.* Landscaped Strand Vista Park and a large parking lot are on top of the high bluff. Stairs lead to the sand; a funicular cable car operates daily, Memorial Day to Labor Day, and on weekends and holidays the rest of the year. At the bottom of the stairs, Strand Vista Park extends to the south within the city of Dana Point; call: 949-248-3530. Walk north along the beach to reach Salt Creek Beach Park.



Strand Beach access stairway



Baby Beach, Dana Point Harbor



Orange County

Dana Point to Capistrano Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Dana Point Headlands			•						•		•						•	•	
Nature Interpretive Center			•						•		•	•					•	•	
Ocean Institute									•		•	•					•	•	•
Ken Sampson Lookout												•					•		
Heritage Park			•							•							•		
Lantern Bay Park												•					•	•	
Dana Point Harbor				•			•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•	
Catalina Express Terminal												•	•				•	•	
Doheny State Beach	•	•	•	•	•				•		•	•	•			•	•	•	•
Capistrano Beach Park	•				•				•			•				•	•	•	•

DANA POINT HEADLANDS:

End of Street of the Green Lantern, off southbound Pacific Coast Hwy., Dana Point. Harbor Point Park offers high-level views of Dana Point Harbor. Trails lead around the headland and down to the shore; visit the adjacent Nature Interpretive Center for a trail map.

NATURE INTERPRETIVE

CENTER: 34558 Scenic Dr., Dana Point. Exhibits about the area's natural resources. Open daily except Monday, 10 AM–4 PM. Call: 949-542-4755.

OCEAN INSTITUTE:

24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Educational programs and boat trips for school groups; public visiting hours on weekends, 10 AM–3 PM. Gift shop open daily, 9 AM–5 PM. Call: 949-496-2274.

KEN SAMPSON LOOKOUT:

S. end of Street of the Blue Lantern, Dana Point. Dramatic views; Street of the Amber Lantern and Street of the Violet Lantern are also viewpoints.

HERITAGE PARK:

End of Street of the Old Golden Lantern, off Del Prado Ave. (eastbound Pacific Coast Hwy.), Dana Point. Blufftop park; a stairway leads to the harbor.

LANTERN BAY PARK:

End of Street of the Golden Lantern, Dana Point. Stairs from Street of the Golden Lantern lead to the park. Vehicle entry is off Dana

Point Harbor Dr. via Street of the Park Lantern. Wheelchair-accessible parking is available, although the park slopes steeply.

DANA POINT HARBOR:

S. of Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Three marinas together contain over 2,000 boat slips. For guest slip information, call: 949-496-6137. Harbor facilities include a 10-lane boat launch ramp (fee applies), boat hoist, dry boat storage, fuel dock, and repair facilities. For all harbor services, call: 949-923-2255.

Sheltered "Baby Beach" has calm water for swimming, wading, and kayak launch; a wheelchair-accessible fishing platform is west of Baby Beach.

- Captain Dave's Whale and Dolphin Safari (949-488-2828) and Dana Wharf Sportfishing and Whale Watching (949-496-5794) offer excursions
- Sailing lessons and boat rentals available

CATALINA EXPRESS

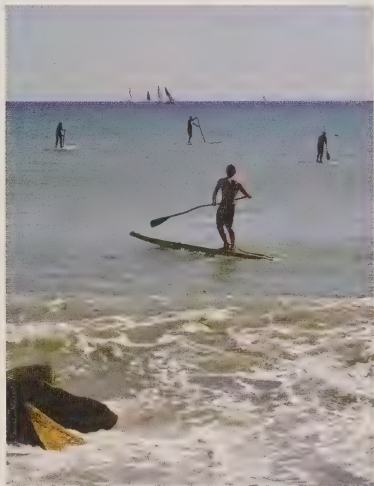
TERMINAL: 34675 Street of the Golden Lantern, Dana Point. Year-round boat service to Avalon on Catalina Island; call: 1-800-481-3470.

DOHENY STATE BEACH:

Shoreline E. of Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point. Landscaped picnic areas and wheelchair-accessible boardwalks; ask at the entrance kiosk for a beach wheelchair. Campground has 120 family

sites, including hike or bike sites and four wheelchair-accessible sites. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. Another day-use beach is south of the campground; park along Pacific Coast Hwy. and use pedestrian overpass. For park information, call: 949-496-6172.

- Small aquarium and visitor center
 - Surfing
 - Beach volleyball
 - San Juan Creek Bikeway begins north of Doheny State Beach and continues inland past San Juan Capistrano
- CAPISTRANO BEACH PARK:** *Pacific Coast Hwy. and Palisades Dr., Capistrano Beach.* Part-sand, part-cobble beach. Call: 949-923-2280.
- Basketball court



Doheny State Beach



San Clemente City Beach

Orange County San Clemente

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Poche Beach	•																•	•	
Ole Hanson Beach Club											•					•	•		
San Clemente City Beach	•		•		•					•			•	•		•	•	•	•
San Clemente Beach Trail			•	•						•			•	•					
Linda Lane City Park			•							•	•		•	•			•	•	
San Clemente Municipal Pier			•	•		•		•					•	•		•	•	•	
Calafia Beach Park	•		•		•								•			•	•	•	•
San Clemente State Beach	•		•	•	•						•	•	•			•	•	•	•

POCHE BEACH: *Foot of Camino Capistrano at Pacific Coast Hwy., Capistrano Beach.* Beach access for pedestrians only; cross Pacific Coast Hwy. and walk under the railroad tracks. Metered parking is along Camino Capistrano. Call: 949-923-2280.

OLE HANSON BEACH CLUB: *105 W. Avenida Pico, San Clemente.* Historic Spanish Colonial-style club is available for rental and for swimming in a 25-yard-long heated outdoor pool; for information, call: 949-361-8264.

SAN CLEMENTE CITY BEACH: *Beach area from Avenida Estacion to San Clemente State Beach, San Clemente.* Mostly narrow beach runs the length of the city. Beach-goers use designated railroad crossings. For beach information or to reserve a beach wheelchair, call: 949-361-8219. For recorded surf and water quality information, call: 949-492-1011. Blufftop Leslie Park is on Calle Los Alamos at the end of Calle Roca Vista. Access to the beach or San Clemente Beach Trail is at North Beach near Ole Hanson Beach Club; Buena Vista near Dije Court and W. El Portal; W. Mariposa; Corto Lane; Esplanade; 2006½ Calle Los Alamos; and North end of Plaza a la Playa.

SAN CLEMENTE BEACH TRAIL: *Shoreline from North Beach to Calafia Beach Park, San Clemente.* The multi-use trail runs inland of the railroad tracks,

linking all of the city's shoreline access points and serving as part of the California Coastal Trail. The trail is part board-walk and part packed earth and is wheelchair accessible.

LINDA LANE CITY PARK: *Linda Lane, San Clemente.* The park has lawns, picnic areas, metered parking, and beach access. From the south side of the parking lot, walk up the stairway, turn right at Arenoso Ln., walk past the condominium building, and push open the gate to reach a blufftop walkway.

SAN CLEMENTE MUNICIPAL PIER: *W. end of Avenida del Mar, San Clemente.* Pier is open from 4 AM–midnight. The adjacent beach has picnic facilities and children's swings. Metered parking is on Avenida del Mar; pay-station lots are nearby. Amtrak trains stop right at the pier. For beach information, call: 949-361-8219.

■ Pier fishing for mackerel, bonito, and common perch and croaker species

CALAFIA BEACH PARK: *Foot of Avenida Calafia, San Clemente.* Picnic areas and beach access; part of San Clemente State Beach. Metered parking.

SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH: *Off Avenida Calafia, San Clemente.* The visitor center is housed in a beautiful Spanish Colonial-style structure; open daily during the summer. Steep trails lead to the beach. Ask at the entrance kiosk for a beach wheelchair. For park information, call: 949-492-3156. Blufftop campground includes 85 tent and 72 RV campsites with full hookups. Three tent and three RV campsites are wheelchair accessible. There is also a group campsite. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.



San Clemente Beach Trail at Linda Lane City Park

Camp Near the Shore



Leo Carrillo State Park campground, Los Angeles County

AMONG CALIFORNIA'S coastal state parks, one of the loveliest camping facilities is found at Leo Carrillo State Park in Los Angeles County. The delightful sycamore-shaded campground has level paths for young campers riding bicycles and scooters, plus ready access to a beautiful beach via an underpass beneath Pacific Coast Highway. In San Diego County, San Mateo Campground at San Onofre State Beach features tree-studded campsites for tents and RVs and views of surrounding mountains. From the campground, a trail leads along wooded San Mateo Creek to Trestles Beach, renowned for its surf break. Also at San Onofre State Beach is Bluffs Beach campground, which overlooks the sea, as do state park campgrounds farther south in San Diego County at South Carlsbad State Beach and San Elijo State Beach. Camping close to the sand in San Diego County is also possible for those with self-contained RVs at Silver Strand State Beach, south of Coronado. Camping environments in California's state park system vary widely, from the beaches of southern California to the deep forest

of Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park in Del Norte County. The types of campsites available in California's state parks also vary. Those with the most amenities, such as picnic tables, fire rings, showers, and a cleared area for a tent, are called family campsites. Campfire programs, ranger-led talks, and visitor centers are available at numerous locations. Many state parks include campsites that are accessible to wheelchair users. In developed campgrounds with family campsites, dogs on a leash of no more than six feet in length are generally allowed but must be kept in a vehicle or tent at night. For larger parties than can be accommodated in family sites, group campsites are often available.

State park campsites with simpler facilities in more natural settings, often requiring a short walk from the parking area, are known as environmental campsites. Enroute camping, which refers to an overnight stay in a self-contained camping vehicle in a day-use parking lot, is allowed at certain very popular locations, including Van Damme State Park in Mendocino County; Salt Point

State Park and Sonoma Coast State Park in Sonoma County; Mount Tamalpais State Park in Marin County; Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park in Monterey County; Montaña de Oro State Park in San Luis Obispo County; and El Capitán State Beach and Carpinteria State Beach in Santa Barbara County.

For visitors who arrive on foot or on a bicycle, there are hike or bike campsites at many state parks and beaches. These generally have few amenities, usually only a table, water supply, and chemical or pit toilet. Simple cabins for use by campers are available at Steep Ravine Beach in Marin County's Mount Tamalpais State Park. Overnight stays are also possible in the beautifully restored vintage beach cottages located at Crystal Cove State Park. For information on all camping options in California state parks, see: www.parks.ca.gov. The cottages at Crystal Cove State Park and the campsites throughout the state that are available by advance reservation can be booked through ReserveAmerica; for information, call: 1-800-444-7275, or see: www.reserveamerica.com.

Camping options at sites other than state parks also range widely in environment and amenities. Many campgrounds are located close to boating and fishing opportunities, such as at Doran Beach Regional Park at Bodega Bay in Sonoma County, Moss Landing Harbor in Monterey County, and, for campers with self-contained RVs, at Oceanside's Harbor Beach. Many privately operated campgrounds are located in popular recreation areas along rivers, such as near the mouth of the Klamath River in Del Norte County and along the Big Sur River in Monterey County.

County-managed parks that offer camping opportunities include A.W.Way County Park in Humboldt County and Ventura County's Hobson Beach County Park and Faria County Park. At San Luis Obispo County's Coastal Dunes RV Park and Campground in Oceano the amenities include a heated swimming pool and courts for basketball and volleyball. Some privately operated campgrounds, including El Capitan Canyon Resort in Santa Barbara County, offer extensive facilities, such as furnished canvas tents and cabins. At Treebones Resort on the Big Sur coast there are furnished tent-like yurts for overnight stays. Even a few city parks offer camping opportunities, such as the city of Monterey's Veteran's Memorial Park, located on a hill overlooking the coast, with sites for RVs and tents, including hike or bike campsites.

National Park Service campgrounds near the coast include several at northern California's Redwood National Park, while the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's King Range National Conservation Area allows both hike-in camping in the backcountry as well as camping at developed campsites at Horse Mountain Creek Campground and Tolkan Campground, both accessible by vehicle. Within the Los Padres National Forest, which stretches from Monterey County to Santa Barbara County, most of it well inland, camping is also possible both at designated campgrounds, such as Bottcher's Gap and Kirk Creek Campground, and at wilderness locations.



Steep Ravine cabins, Mount Tamalpais State Park, Marin County



ORANGE

RIVERSIDE

Cleveland NF

Cleveland NF

San Mateo Pt.
San Onofre SB
Marine Corps Base
Camp Pendleton

San Onofre Cr

Pilgrim Cr

SAN
DIEGO

Santa Margarita Cr

San Luis Rey R

Oceanside

Buena Vista Lagoon

Carlsbad SB

Agua Hedionda Lagoon

South Carlsbad SB

Batiquitos Lagoon

Leucadia SB

Leucadia

Moonlight SB

Encinitas

San Elijo SB

Cardiff SB

Cardiff-by-the-Sea

Solana Beach

San Dieguito Lagoon

Del Mar

Torrey Pines SB

Los Peñasquitos Lagoon

Torrey Pines SNR

La Jolla Bay

Pt. La Jolla

La Jolla

False Pt.

Mission Beach

Mission Bay

San Diego R

Ocean Beach

Cabrillo National Monument

Pt. Loma

U.S. Naval Air Station

North Island

Silver Strand SB

San Diego Bay NWR

Tijuana NERR

Border Field SP

Marine Corps Air Station
Miramar

San Diego R

San Diego

Coronado

National City

Chula Vista

Imperial Beach

Sweetwater Res

San Vicente Res

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Tijuana R

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La Jolla near Sun Gold Point

SAN DIEGO COUNTY

SAN DIEGO COUNTY is rich in history, geographic diversity, and recreational opportunities. Extending south 76 miles from the Orange County line to the Mexican border, the county lures visitors with its temperate climate, long sandy beaches, and numerous marinas and parks.

Experience California's Spanish and Mexican heritage

In 1542 the European explorer Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo visited San Diego Bay and landed on Point Loma. Sebastián Vizcaíno, who was charting the California coast for the Spanish government, visited the same spot in 1602 and gave it the name San Diego. Spanish settlement efforts languished until 1769, when the first presidio or fort in California was established. Misión San Diego de Alcalá, the first of 21 missions in what is now California,

was founded by Father Junípero Serra later in the same year near the presidio. Native Kumeyaay peoples, called Diegueños by the Spanish missionaries, had by more than 10,000 years preceded the Spanish in settling the area, establishing permanent settlements at sites that included modern La Jolla, the bay side of Point Loma, and the shores of Mission Bay and San Diego Bay.

No historic structures remain from the original presidio and mission sites at San Diego. After 1821 when Mexico took control of the area, a small town arose near the presidio, and parts are now preserved within Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The park includes the homes, begun in 1827, of José Antonio Estudillo and his brother-in-law, Juan Bandini. These and other structures were arranged around an open plaza, still in place. Restored and reconstructed buildings in a



View from Torrey Pines Gliderport

seven-city-block area now house museums, shops, restaurants, and lodging facilities. Parking, restrooms, and many facilities within Old Town San Diego State Historic Park are wheelchair accessible; to arrange an accessible tour of the park, call: 619-220-5422.

Ride a bicycle

Coastal bike routes include the **Bayshore Bikeway** that rings San Diego Bay with a total length of some 24 miles. More than half of the Bayshore Bikeway has been completed, relying on unused railroad alignments and other rights-of-way that are separate from vehicle traffic. A complete circuit can be started at any point along the way. There is no-fee parking adjacent to the bikeway at the north end of 13th St. in Imperial Beach. Along Orange Ave. in Coronado are numerous vendors who rent bicycles. The Broadway Pier in San Diego is also a fine starting point.

The Coastal Rail Trail is a continuous bike route that extends some 40 miles from downtown San Diego to Oceanside. The route will serve as a link in the California Coastal Trail. The Coastal Rail Trail, which accommodates pedestrians as well as bicyclists, parallels parts of the railroad line where Coaster and

Amtrak trains provide passenger service. Like the Bayshore Bikeway, the Coastal Rail Trail is planned as a "Class 1" bikeway, meaning it is separated from vehicle traffic. Some segments of the Coastal Rail Trail are complete, including links in Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas, and Solana Beach. The San Diego Association of Governments plans completion of remaining segments by 2021. For more information, see: www.sandag.org and search for "Bayshore Bikeway" or "Coastal Rail Trail."

Glide with the wind

Next to a 350-foot-high coastal bluff in San Diego is the **Torrey Pines Gliderport**, a center for motorless aviation and a city park. The gliderport is the only facility of its kind on America's West Coast. Beginning in 1930, gliders were car-towed off the beach, parallel to the coastal bluff, so that they could fly in the lift created by the prevailing westerly wind. The nearly flat land of the mesa east of the cliff was used for launching and landing, providing a natural emergency runway. Aviation pioneers who flew here include Charles A. Lindbergh, who on February 24, 1930, flew in a glider along the coast from Mt. Soledad in La Jolla to Del Mar, establishing a

claimed distance record. Present-day users of the gliderport operate hang gliders (supported by a frame with wings), paragliders (suspended from a parachute-like strip of fabric), radio-controlled model sailplanes, and full-scale sailplanes. Many visitors come simply to enjoy the views and watch the activity:

Dive into a kelp forest

Off Point Loma is an area recognized as one of the best sites for diving within a kelp forest and undersea reef environment, in water depths of 30 to 80 feet. Kelp fronds reach toward the surface from boulder fields interspersed with unique pinnacles and overhanging rocky shelves. In deeper water, divers can investigate the ancient sea cliffs, now submerged, that once stood along the mainland shoreline. Farther north, off the coast of Mission Beach, is a 600-acre dive area known as Wreck Alley, where divers can investigate several sunken ships. In the year 2000, the HMS *Yukon*, a 366-foot-long Canadian destroyer escort ship, was intentionally sunk as an artificial dive reef. The ship descended to the seafloor on its own the day before its planned sinking, and it rests on its side, rather than upright as originally intended, in water 100 feet deep. Sitting upright in 80 feet of water is the U.S. Coast Guard

cutter *Ruby E*. The 165-foot-long ship was intentionally sunk in 1987. Colonies of strawberry anemones carpet the ship's exterior. Numerous dive boat vendors operate from San Diego Harbor and Mission Bay.

Wander among springtime flowers

Although San Diego County is among the nation's most urbanized, the county's agricultural economy consistently ranks among the nation's largest, with an annual value of more than \$5 billion. Relatively high land and water costs encourage the cultivation of high-value crops. San Diego County ranks as the nation's largest producer of avocados and has the second-largest acreage planted in guavas, pomegranates, limes, and macadamia nuts. Cut flowers are another high-value crop. The Flower Fields in Carlsbad are planted with 50 acres of spring-blooming ranunculus arrayed by color for maximum visual impact. Besides the stunning flower display, there are tractor-pulled wagon rides, a sweet-pea maze, displays of poinsettia plants, and water-wise gardening demonstrations. This commercial attraction, located at 5704 Paseo Del Norte, is open usually from March to May, daily from 9 AM to 6 PM. An entry fee applies. For recorded information, call: 760-431-0352 or see: www.theflowerfields.com.



Bayshore Bikeway north of Imperial Beach



Surfing, Trestles Beach



San Diego County

San Onofre

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
San Mateo Campground			•		•			•		•			•				•	•	•
Trestles Beach	•		•														•		
San Onofre Surf Beach	•					•						•					•	•	•
Bluffs Beach	•		•	•	•					•		•					•	•	•
Bicycle Route				•															
Las Flores Viewpoint																	•		
Aliso Creek Roadside Rest										•			•				•	•	

SAN MATEO CAMPGROUND: Off Cristianitos Rd. 1 mi. inland of Hwy. I-5, San Onofre. Part of San Onofre State Beach, the campground has 67 RV campsites with hookups and 90 tent campsites set among trees; some sites are wheelchair accessible. Coin-operated hot showers available. RV dump station on site. For campground information, call: 949-492-4872. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- A mile-and-a-half-long trail leads to Trestles Beach



San Mateo Campground, San Onofre State Beach

TRESTLES BEACH: Near mouth of San Mateo Creek, San Onofre State Beach. The main path to Trestles Beach starts at a parking lot at Cristianitos Rd. and El Camino Real and leads under Hwy. I-5 to the shore, part of San Onofre State Beach.

- Well-known surf break; illustrated sign along the access path provides overview of characteristic local wave types
- Another surf spot, known as Cottons, is reached by walking upcoast from Trestles on the sand around San Mateo Point

SAN ONOFRE SURF BEACH: Off Basilone Rd., San Onofre. Exit the freeway at Basilone Rd., head south on Old Pacific Hwy., and follow signs to Surf Beach. Unpaved parking area; surfboard racks on site. Ask at the entrance station for a beach wheelchair. To the north is the Marine Corps's recreational beach, not open to the public.

- Surfing spot

BLUFFS BEACH: Seaward of Hwy. I-5, on Old Pacific Hwy. 2.5 mi. S. of Basilone Rd. off-ramp, San Onofre. From the Basilone Rd. off-ramp, drive south two miles past the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. Day-use facilities are open year round, 6 AM–sunset. Camping is allowed only from May 16 to September 30. There are 173 campsites in a three-mile-long paved strip near the railroad tracks. There are no RV hookups, and showers are cold only, but there is an RV dump station. Six trails lead down the bluff to the beach; dogs are allowed on Trails 1 and 6. Part of San Onofre State Beach; call: 949-492-4872.

BICYCLE ROUTE: Seaward of Hwy. I-5 from San Clemente through San Onofre State Beach. A paved bike route runs through

San Onofre State Beach and, security conditions permitting, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. Start at Cristianitos Rd. on the west side of Hwy. I-5. Proceed south along old Hwy. 101 to Las Pulgas Rd.; turn left to Camp Pendleton gate and continue south on Stuart Mesa Rd. to Vandegrift Blvd. and the Oceanside gate. Riders must carry picture ID, wear a helmet, and ride single file.

LAS FLORES VIEWPOINT: W. of Hwy I-5, 5 mi. S. of San Onofre. Parking and views; no other facilities.

ALISO CREEK ROADSIDE REST: W. of Hwy. I-5, 6 mi. N. of Oceanside. Landscaped area with picnic tables and a map showing local points of interest.

- Dog run available



Oceanside Harbor



San Diego County Oceanside

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Oceanside Harbor			•			•	•	•	•				•	•		•	•	•	•
Harbor Beach	•				•	•			•			•				•	•	•	•
San Luis Rey River Trail			•	•						•									
Oceanside City Beach	•		•			•				•			•	•		•	•	•	•
Oceanside Pier									•				•	•		•	•	•	•
California Surf Museum											•		•	•			•	•	•
Buccaneer Park					•		•			•			•			•	•	•	•
South Oceanside Beach	•								•								•		

OCEANSIDE HARBOR: *Along Harbor Dr., Oceanside.* The harbor has berths for 950 vessels; for guest slip information, call: 760-435-4000. Fuel dock and marine supplies are available, along with restaurants, shops, and hotels. A paved walkway rings the harbor. Fee parking is available in several lots; a free parking lot is on the east side of the harbor, east of the railroad tracks. A four-lane, no-fee boat launching ramp is open 24 hours.

- Harbor fishing pier
- Sport-fishing and whale-watching vendors include Helgren's (760-722-2133) and Sunset Sails (760-207-5572)
- Sailing instruction

HARBOR BEACH: *N. end of N. Pacific St., Oceanside.* Covered picnic tables with firepits are on the sand. For RV camping in self-contained vehicles, use self-pay machines; for information, call: 760-435-4000.

- Volleyball standards (bring a net)
- Surfing
- Surf fishing

SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRAIL: *South bank of the San Luis Rey River at N. Pacific St., Oceanside.* The paved multi-use trail runs eastward more than seven miles.

OCEANSIDE CITY BEACH: *Along The Strand and S. Pacific St., between San Luis Rey River and Buccaneer Beach, Oceanside.* Parking lots are at the end of Seagaze Dr. and Wisconsin Ave.



Oceanside Pier

and along Pier View Way; fee charged at some lots. Metered street parking. Passenger drop-off points are at Surfrider Way, Hayes St., and Forster St.; additional beach access is at Oceanside Boulevard.

To use a beach wheelchair, contact a lifeguard. Dogs on leash are allowed on The Strand but not on Oceanside beaches. Strand Beach Park is at the end of Seagaze Dr., and Tyson Street Park is at Tyson Street. For information on Oceanside beaches, call: 760-435-4000.

- Swimming
- Surfing (black-ball flags mark closures at crowded times)

OCEANSIDE PIER: *W. end of Pier View Way, Oceanside.* The West Coast's longest wooden pier is open 24 hours. Fishing poles can be rented on the pier; bait shop available. No fishing license is required to fish from the pier, although catch limits apply.

- Beach cruiser bicycles for rent; call: 760-435-5041
- Gym facilities at the base of the pier are open to the public for a small fee; call: 760-435-5233

CALIFORNIA SURF MUSEUM: *312 Pier View Way, Oceanside.* The museum displays vintage surfboards and dramatic surfing photos; exhibits change regularly. Gift shop. Open daily, 10 AM–4 PM (until 8 PM on Thursday); closed major holidays. Call: 760-721-6876.

BUCCANEER PARK: *1500 block of S. Pacific St., Oceanside.* Lawns, a basketball court, and no-fee parking.

SOUTH OCEANSIDE BEACH: *W. of Pacific St., between Buccaneer Park and Eaton St., Oceanside.* Beach access is opposite Buccaneer Park and at street ends to the north. Additional beach access is adjacent to 1639 S. Pacific St., at the end of Cassidy St., and at 1919 S. Pacific Street.





San Diego County Carlsbad

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center			•						•		•		•				•	•	
Buena Vista Lagoon Ecological Reserve			•						•	•							•		
Carlsbad City Beach	•								•								•		
Carlsbad State Beach	•	•	•	•								•				•	•		
Agua Hedionda Lagoon			•			•	•	•									•		
Agua Hedionda Discovery Center			•				•			•		•	•			•	•		
Stairway to Beach	•																•		
South Carlsbad State Beach	•	•	•	•	•				•			•				•	•	•	•

BUENA VISTA AUDUBON NATURE CENTER: 2202 S. Coast Hwy., Oceanside. Wildlife exhibits and programs; open Tues.–Sat., 10 AM–4 PM, and Sun., 1–4 PM; call: 760-439-2473.

- Docent-led nature walks
- Story time for tots

BUENA VISTA LAGOON ECOLOGICAL RESERVE: E. and W. of Hwy. I-5, 2.5 mi. S. of downtown Oceanside. Limited parking is along Carlsbad Boulevard. Maxton Brown Park at Laguna Dr. and State St. has picnic tables and lagoon views.

CARLSBAD CITY BEACH: W. of Ocean St., between Pacific Ave. and Carlsbad Village Dr., Carlsbad. Beach stairs are at the north end of Ocean St. and at the foot of Cypress Ave., Beech Ave., Christiansen Way, Grand Ave., and Carlsbad Village Drive. An additional stairway is located one-half block south of Carlsbad Village Drive. On-street parking.

CARLSBAD STATE BEACH: W. of Carlsbad Blvd., from Pine Ave. S. past Agua Hedionda Lagoon opening, Carlsbad. Beach stairs are opposite Sycamore, Maple, Cherry, Hemlock, and Tamarack avenues. Parking lots are on Ocean St. (south of Oak St.) and Tamarack Ave.; curb parking is along Carlsbad Boulevard. Call: 760-438-3143.

- Picnic tables on top of the bluff
- Bicycle path below the bluff
- Surfing lessons and youth surf camps; call: 760-672-2770

AGUA HEDIONDA LAGOON: E. and W. of Hwy. I-5, 1.4 mi. S. of Carlsbad Civic Center, Carlsbad. Paths along the western and middle basins are off Garfield St. (south of Tamarack Ave.) and at the south end of Harbor Drive. Access to the eastern basin is at the ends of Hoover St. and Cove Dr. (where short bayfront paths lead west and east) and from Park Dr. at Kelly Drive.

Motorboating and water-skiing are allowed in the eastern basin along with sailing, kayaking, and limited fishing; no swimming. For required boating permit information, call: 760-602-4685.

- Motorboat launch and equipment rental available at California Water Sports at the end of Harrison St.; call: 760-434-3089
- Hand-carried, non-motorized craft can be launched at the end of Bayshore Drive

AGUA HEDIONDA DISCOVERY CENTER: 1580 Cannon Rd., Carlsbad. Nature exhibits and California native

plant garden. Open Tues.–Fri., 2–5 PM, and Sat.–Sun., noon–4 PM. Call: 760-804-1969.

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: Carlsbad Ave. opposite end of Cerezo Dr., Carlsbad. Access to South Carlsbad State Beach; shoulder parking.

SOUTH CARLSBAD STATE BEACH: W. of Carlsbad Blvd. opposite Poinsettia Ln., Carlsbad. Ponto North day-use parking lot is three-quarters of a mile south of Palomar Airport Road. Campground is opposite Poinsettia Ln. (but vehicle entry is only from southbound Carlsbad Boulevard). Hot-water showers, laundry, convenience store, and RV dump station available. Some campsites are wheelchair accessible; ask ranger for beach wheelchair. Fee for camping. For park information, call: 760-438-3143. For camping reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275.

- Swimming
- Surfing



East basin, Agua Hedionda Lagoon





San Diego County

South Carlsbad and Encinitas

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
South Ponto Beach	•								•	•			•				•	•	•
Batiquitos Lagoon		•							•		•	•					•	•	
Grandview Beach	•																	•	
Beacon's Beach	•																•		
Encinitas Beach	•																		
Stone Steps Beach	•																	•	
Moonlight Beach	•				•				•			•	•			•	•	•	
D Street Beach	•	•							•								•		
Blufftop Parks									•									•	
Self-Realization Fellowship Meditation Garden												•					•	•	
Swami's	•	•				•			•				•				•	•	

SOUTH PONTO BEACH:

W. of Carlsbad Blvd., at mouth of Batiquitos Lagoon, Carlsbad. Parking is along southbound Carlsbad Blvd. or at the Ponto South lot, where a path leads to a blufftop lookout.

- Beach volleyball
- Surfing

BATIQUITOS LAGOON:

E. and W. of Hwy. I-5, N. of La Costa Ave., Carlsbad. There are nice views of the lagoon from a trail starting at Windrose Circle 100 feet west of Navigator Circle and from a parking lot on La Costa Ave. just east of Hwy. I-5.

A two-mile-long nature trail is at the end of Gabbiano Ln., along with the Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, open Mon.–Fri., 9:00 AM–12:30 PM, and Sat.–Sun., 9:00 AM–3:00 PM; call: 760-931-0800. Additional access points to the Batiquitos Lagoon shoreline trail are at Pelican St., Golden Star Ln., Aviara Golf Clubhouse, and Spoonbill Lane.

GRANDVIEW BEACH:

1700 Neptune Ave., Encinitas. Beach stairs and parking lot; call: 760-633-2740.

- Surfing and swimming

BEACON'S BEACH:

Neptune Ave. at W. Leucadia Blvd., Leucadia. Steep trail with railings; parking lot. Also known as Leucadia State Beach.



South Ponto Beach

ENCINITAS BEACH: Between Beacon's Beach and Stone Steps Beach, Leucadia. Walk south along the sand from Beacon's Beach or north from Stone Steps Beach.

STONE STEPS BEACH: W. end of S. El Portal St., off Neptune Ave., Encinitas. A long stairway leads to a sand and cobble beach. The city of Encinitas provides lifeguard service; towers are staffed seasonally. Streetside parking along Neptune Ave. (one-way northbound). At the end of Roseta St. is a blufftop viewpoint; no beach access.

MOONLIGHT BEACH: W. ends of B and C streets, Encinitas. Parking is at the end of C St.; drop-off for pedestrians and disabled parking is at B Street. Ask at the lifeguard station for beach wheelchair. Call: 760-633-2740.

- Swimming
- Picnic area
- Beach volleyball
- Equipment rental

D STREET BEACH: W. end of D St., Encinitas. Wooden stairs lead to sand and cobble beach. Limited on-street parking. An informal overlook is at the end of E Street.

BLUFFTOP PARKS: W. ends of H St., I St., and J St., Encinitas. Views, but no beach access. A picnic table is at the end of I St.; on-street parking. A blufftop path connects I and J streets; push gate to open, dawn to dusk.

SELF-REALIZATION FELLOWSHIP MEDITATION GARDEN: 215 K St., Encinitas. Lovely garden and views, open Tues.–Sat., 9 AM–5 PM, and Sun., 11 AM–5 PM. Commercial photography and bathing attire prohibited.

SWAMI'S: W. of Coast Hwy. 101, S. of K St., Encinitas. Landscaped blufftop park with picnic area and beach stairs. For recorded weather and surf report, call: 760-633-2880.

- Surfing



San Diego County

Cardiff-by-the-Sea and Solana Beach

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
San Elijo State Beach	•	•			•	•		•	•			•				•	•	•	•
San Elijo Lagoon Nature Center			•					•			•	•	•				•	•	
Vista Point																		•	
San Elijo Lagoon			•					•										•	
Cardiff State Beach	•	•		•		•	•		•				•				•	•	•
Tide Beach Park	•				•		•	•										•	
Fletcher Cove Park	•				•				•			•	•				•	•	
Overlook								•										•	

SAN ELIJO STATE BEACH: *Coast Hwy. 101, 2 mi. N. of Chesterfield Dr., Cardiff-by-the-Sea.* Blufftop campground has 171 sites; coin-operated hot showers, laundry, grocery store, surfboard rentals. Fee for camping. For reservations, call: 1-800-444-7275. For park information, call: 760-753-5091. Vehicle entry to the campground from Coast Hwy. 101 is from southbound lanes only. At Chesterfield Dr. there is a signalized pedestrian crossing of Coast Hwy. and the nearby railroad tracks; a landscaped footpath runs north and south, inland of the tracks. A day-use parking lot is 300 yards north of the San Elijo State Beach campground entry; limited highway shoulder parking also available.

- Swimming
- Diving
- Surfing
- Surf fishing
- Campfire center and junior ranger programs

SAN ELIJO LAGOON NATURE CENTER: *2710 Manchester Ave., .7 mi. W. of Hwy. I-5, Encinitas.* Exhibits about the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve; open daily, 9 AM–5 PM. Call: 760-634-3026.

- Wheelchair-accessible boardwalk along the lagoon

VISTA POINT: *San Diego Fwy. (Hwy. I-5), S. of Birmingham Dr., Cardiff-by-the-Sea.* Views of San Elijo Lagoon; accessible only from southbound Hwy. I-5.

SAN ELIJO LAGOON: *E. and W. of Hwy. I-5, S. of Manchester Ave., Encinitas.* Trailheads are at the north end of Rios Ave. in Solana Beach and on El Camino Real south of La Orilla in Rancho Santa Fe. The latter trail can also be reached from the north ends of Santa Inez, Santa Carina, and Santa Helena drives. Call: 760-634-3026.

- Seven miles of trails for viewing wildlife and native plants

CARDIFF STATE BEACH: *Coast Hwy. 101, directly W. of San Elijo Lagoon, Cardiff-by-the-Sea.* Two parking lots at either end of the beach, plus limited shoulder parking along southbound Coast Hwy. 101. Picnic tables and racks for waxing surfboards are at the northern parking area. Call: 760-753-5091.

- Surfing
- Launch zone for hand-carried boats (closed in summer)
- Shore fishing for croakers, perch, sharks, and rays

TIDE BEACH PARK: *Pacific Ave. at Solana Vista Dr., Solana Beach.* Stairs to pocket beach; on-street parking. Lifeguards are on site, 10 AM–6 PM, during summer months.

- Swimming

FLETCHER COVE PARK: *End of W. Plaza St. (west extension of Lomas Santa Fe Dr.), Solana Beach.* The park has colorful landscaping and beautiful stonework. Picnic tables and amphitheater on the bluff; paved ramp leads to the beach. Small on-site parking lot; more parking is one-half block south on Sierra Avenue. Amtrak and Coaster trains stop at the Solana Beach station nearby. The Coastal Rail Trail runs along the west side of the railroad tracks.

- Half-court basketball area
- Swimming
- Surfing

OVERLOOK: *S. of Fletcher Cove parking lot, Solana Beach.* A stairway at the south end of the Fletcher Cove parking lot leads to blufftop overlook.



Fletcher Cove Park



San Diego County

Solana Beach to Del Mar

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Seascape Sur Stairway	•					•			•								•		
Del Mar Shores Terrace Stairway	•								•								•		
Overlook																	•		
Del Mar Bluffs City Park	•								•	•							•	•	•
San Dieguito Lagoon		•							•				•				•		
Del Mar City Beach	•				•		•	•				•	•				•	•	•
Powerhouse Park					•					•	•		•	•			•	•	•
Seagrove Park													•	•			•	•	

SEASCAPE SUR STAIRWAY:

501 S. Sierra Ave., Solana Beach. Beach stairs are on the north side of a residential complex; no-fee parking is 50 yards south on Sierra Avenue. City of Solana Beach lifeguards are on-site daily during the summer months, 10 AM–6 PM.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Snorkeling
- Surf fishing

DEL MAR SHORES TERRACE STAIRWAY:

180 Del Mar Shores Terrace, Solana Beach. Walk seaward along Del Mar Shores Terrace and turn right to reach a path to the beach stairs.

OVERLOOK: End of Border Ave., Del Mar. Fenced overlook at the terminus of Border Ave.

DEL MAR BLUFFS CITY PARK:

W. of Camino del Mar, just N. of the San Dieguito River mouth, Del Mar. Broad, sandy beach; pay-and-display parking along south-bound Camino del Mar. Summer lifeguard service and non-wheelchair-accessible chemical toilet. Dogs must be leashed June 16 through Labor Day. The Scripps Natural Preserve is on the bluff at the north end.

- Beach volleyball

SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON:

E. of Camino del Mar at the San Dieguito River mouth, Del Mar. A 55-mile-long Coast to Crest Trail is planned along the San Dieguito River; open trail segments include a boardwalk



Del Mar Bluffs City Park

extending east from Jimmy Durante Blvd. on the north side of the river. On the south side of the river from Jimmy Durante Blvd. westward is a quarter-mile-long path with benches and river views. On-street parking. Call: 858-674-2270.

DEL MAR CITY BEACH:

W. of Camino del Mar, from 29th St. to Torrey Pines State Beach, Del Mar. Beach access is at 17th St., along with metered parking along the north edge of the Poseidon Restaurant parking lot. Additional off-street fee parking is inland of Coast Blvd. near the Amtrak station. For beach wheelchair information, contact a lifeguard or call: 858-755-1556. Beach access is at street ends from 29th St. south to 18th St., but parking is extremely limited. Lifeguard station with restrooms is at 25th Street. Beach flags mark separate swimming and surfing areas.

Dogs are allowed on Del Mar beaches, subject to seasonal restrictions: north of 29th St., dogs are allowed on leash from June 16 through Labor Day and off leash under voice control the rest of the year; from 29th St. to Powerhouse Park, leashed dogs are allowed from the day after Labor Day through June 15th; south of Powerhouse Park, leashed dogs are allowed year round.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Surf fishing

POWERHOUSE PARK:

Coast Blvd. between 17th and 15th streets, Del Mar. Lawns, picnic areas, and paved paths to the sand. Fee parking lot is across Coast Blvd.

SEAGROVE PARK:

Ocean Ave. at 15th St., Del Mar. Grassy area with wheelchair-accessible path and benches. Metered on-street parking.





San Diego County

Torrey Pines

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Torrey Pines State Beach	•				•		•	•				•					•	•	•
Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension			•					•									•		
Los Peñasquitos Lagoon			•					•											
Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve			•					•		•		•	•				•	•	•
Torrey Pines Gliderport			•														•	•	•

TORREY PINES STATE BEACH:
McGonigle Rd., off Carmel Valley Rd., San Diego. The North Beach parking lot is on McGonigle Rd.; a pedestrian underpass leads to the sand. Additional parking is along southbound Torrey Pines Rd. as well as at the South Beach parking lot at the entrance to Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve. A beach wheelchair is at the South Beach lot; call: 858-755-1275. Lifeguard towers are staffed during the summer months. For state beach information, call: 858-755-2063.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Look among the high sandstone bluffs at the south end for fossils of oysters, burrowing clams, and leaf imprints
- Dolphins, porpoises, and sea lions may be spotted offshore

TORREY PINES STATE RESERVE EXTENSION:
E. of Camino del Mar, off Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego. Trails lead among native Torrey pine trees, offering views of Los Peñasquitos Lagoon. Trailheads are at the ends of Mar Scenic and Mira Montana drives.

LOS PEÑASQUITOS LAGOON:
Between N. Torrey Pines Rd. and Hwy. I-5, S. of Carmel Valley Rd., San Diego. View the lagoon from the Marsh Trail, starting on the east side of N. Torrey Pines Rd., across from the Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve entrance.

TORREY PINES STATE NATURAL RESERVE: *W. of N. Torrey Pines Rd., 1.5 mi. S. of Del Mar Heights Rd., San Diego.* The reserve contains the only natural



Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve

habitat on the North American continent for one of the world's rarest pine trees, the Torrey pine. To protect the resources, the reserve accommodates a limited number of people; visitors may be asked to come back later if the reserve is full. It is full most weekend afternoons. Stay on trails; all features are protected, including rocks, flowers, and pine cones. No picnicking allowed in the reserve. Entrance gate is open 7:15 AM–sunset; visitor center opens daily at 10 AM. Call: 858-755-2063.

- Razor Point Trail offers views of windblown trees and eroded sandstone formations
- Guy Fleming Trail winds through Torrey pine trees, ferns, and seasonal wildflowers
- Visitor center has exhibits on the area's geology, flowers,

and trees and is generally wheelchair accessible

- Guided walks are held on weekends and holidays; call ahead to confirm

TORREY PINES GLIDERPORT:
W. of Torrey Pines Rd. at the end of Torrey Pines Scenic Dr., San Diego. A center for motorless aviation. Several unimproved paths lead from near the gliderport down to the beach. Use of these extremely steep routes is not recommended, but the trails are commonly used. Signs warn visitors to stay back from coastal bluffs.

- View hang gliders (supported by a frame with wings), paragliders (suspended from a parachute-like strip of fabric), radio-controlled model sailplanes, and full-scale sailplanes



Kayak lesson, La Jolla Shores Beach

San Diego County
Torrey Pines City Beach to La Jolla

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Torrey Pines City Beach	•																	
Overlook								•										
Birch Aquarium at Scripps								•	•	•	•		•	•	•			
Scripps Beach	•	•													•	•		
La Jolla Shores Beach Park	•					•					•	•			•	•		
Walkway to Beach	•																	
Coast Walk			•					•										
La Jolla Cove	•	•						•								•		
Ellen Browning Scripps Park		•	•			•		•			•	•			•	•		
Children's Pool Beach	•	•						•							•			

TORREY PINES CITY BEACH: *W. of La Jolla Farms Rd., San Diego.* Known as Black's Beach; approach on foot (tide permitting) from Torrey Pines State Beach or La Jolla Shores Beach. A steep path is at the south end of Black Gold Rd. at La Jolla Farms Road. Swimmers should use care due to rip currents. Call: 619-235-1169.

- Informally known as a clothing optional beach

OVERLOOK: *N. end of La Jolla Shores Ln., La Jolla.* Short path to blufftop between residences; do not trespass.

BIRCH AQUARIUM AT SCRIPPS: *2300 Expedition Way, off N. Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla.* The aquarium displays many research activities of the renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Exhibits including living coral and a variety of sharks and other fishes. Open daily, 9 AM–5 PM, except major holidays. Call: 858-534-3474.

- Outdoor tidepool with touchable animals
- Programs for budding scientists
- Moonlit pier walks

SCRIPPS BEACH: *W. of La Jolla Shores Dr. at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla.* Pay-station parking is available on weekends and holidays in Lots P002 and P003 on El Paseo Grande one block west of La Jolla Shores Drive. The

beach and adjacent waters are a marine protected area; do not touch or disturb marine life.

LA JOLLA SHORES BEACH PARK: *Camino del Oro at Calle Frescota, La Jolla.* Wide sandy beach; ask at lifeguard station for a beach wheelchair or call: 619-221-8899. For beach information, call: 619-235-1169. Adjacent Kellogg Park has lawns and picnic tables. Leashed dogs permitted before 9 AM and after 6 PM.

- Swimming (be alert for rip currents)
 - Small boat launch at the foot of Avenida de la Playa
 - Kayak to the La Jolla Caves, one-half mile away
- WALKWAY TO BEACH:** *W. of Spindrift Dr., near Roseland Dr., La Jolla.* Narrow walkway to the sand.

COAST WALK: *Seaward of Prospect Pl. and Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla.* Enter at Torrey Pines Rd. east of Prospect Pl.

or adjacent to the Cave Store at 1325 Cave St. (the building faces Coast Boulevard). The La Jolla Caves are below; most are accessible only via kayak.

- The Sunny Jim Cave can be reached on foot (fee applies) from the Cave Store; call: 858-459-0746

LA JOLLA COVE: *E. of Point La Jolla and N. of Coast Blvd., La Jolla.* Cove beach with clear water; scarce street parking. Call: 619-235-1169.

- Snorkeling
- Diving

ELLEN BROWNING SCRIPPS PARK: *Coast Blvd. at Girard Ave., La Jolla.* Lawns with picnic tables and paved paths. Call: 619-235-1169.

CHILDREN'S POOL BEACH: *Coast Blvd. at Jenner St., La Jolla.* Harbor seals and sea lions haul out on the beach; do not disturb or harass the animals. On-street parking. Call: 619-235-1169.



La Jolla Cove

San Diego County
La Jolla

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Coast Boulevard Park	•	•	•					•				•	•				•		
Nicholson Point Park	•	•						•											
Marine Street Beach	•	•					•	•									•		
Windansea Beach	•	•					•								•	•			
Hermosa Terrace Park	•	•					•									•			
Overlooks and Stairway		•					•										•		
La Jolla Hermosa Park		•					•										•		
Bird Rock Viewpoint		•					•					•					•		

COAST BOULEVARD PARK:
W. of Coast Blvd. at Cuvier St., La Jolla. Lawns, benches, and picnic tables are on the bluff. At the south end, a stairway leads to a rocky shelf; do not disturb marine life. On-street parking. Call: 619-235-1169.

NICHOLSON POINT PARK:
S. end of Coast Blvd., La Jolla. Hard-to-see walkway is between 100 and 202 Coast Blvd.; stairs lead to a small sandy area. Beach extends south to Marine Street Beach.

MARINE STREET BEACH:
W. of La Jolla Blvd., at the end of Marine St., La Jolla. Sandy beach with scattered rocky areas can be reached from Vista del Mar Ave. north of Marine St., the west end of Marine St., and the west end of Sea Lane. Very limited on-street parking.

- Shore fishing for calico bass, halibut, and perch and croaker species
- Horseshoe Reef, a popular surfing spot, is just north of Marine Street

WINDANSEA BEACH: *W. of Neptune Pl., from Vista de la Playa to Palomar Ave., La Jolla.* Flat sand-stone slabs create sandy coves. A small parking lot is at the end of Bonair Street. Access to the north end of the beach is at the end of Vista de la Playa and near the west end of Fern Glen (walk around the vehicle barrier on the right-hand side). At the south end of Windansea Beach, also known as La Jolla Strand Park,



La Jolla Hermosa Park

beach stairs are opposite Gravilla St. and near Kolmar Street.

- Windansea Beach is a famous surfing spot, for experienced surfers only

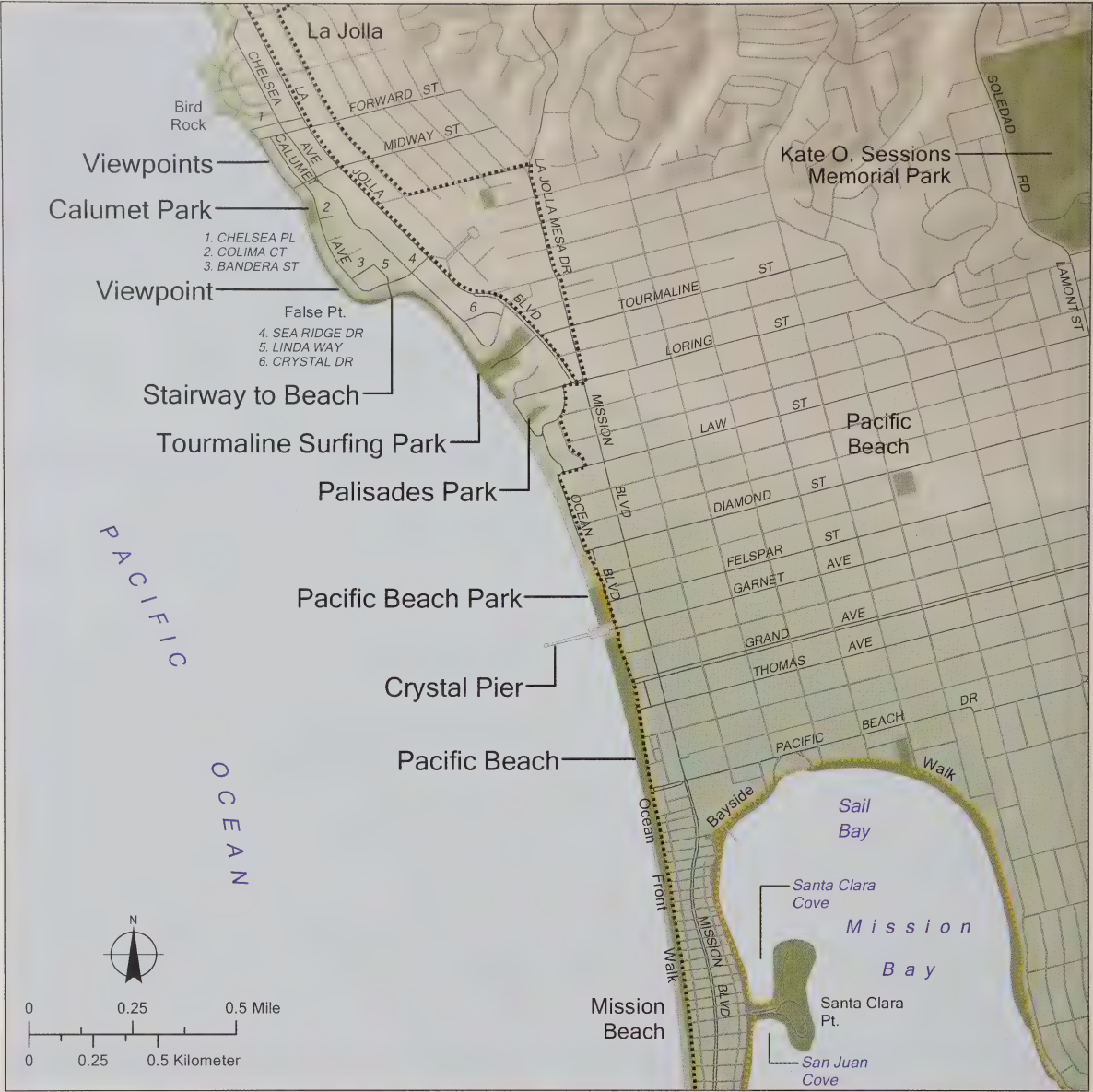
HERMOSA TERRACE PARK:
W. of Camino de la Costa, S. of Palomar Ave., La Jolla. Beach stairs are at Palomar Ave.; additional access is off Camino de la Costa 100 feet north of Winamar Avenue. On-street parking.

OVERLOOKS AND STAIRWAY:
W. of Camino de la Costa, La Jolla. Overlooks between residences are located 100 yards north of Avenida Cortez and 100 yards south of Avenida Cortez. A

stairway to the rocky reef is on Camino de la Costa, 200 yards west of La Cañada Street.

LA JOLLA HERMOSA PARK:
W. of Camino de la Costa, at the intersection with Chelsea Ave., La Jolla. Picnic tables are on the bluff; a steep path with a guide rope provides rough access to a rocky cove. On-street parking only.

BIRD ROCK VIEWPOINT:
End of Bird Rock Ave., La Jolla. A large guano-covered rock is located 120 feet offshore, but Bird Rock may actually be named after a Mr. Bird, an early land developer. Very limited on-street parking.



Near end of Law St., Pacific Beach



San Diego County

La Jolla to Pacific Beach

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Viewpoints		•															•		
Calumet Park		•	•														•		
Viewpoint		•															•		
Stairway to Beach	•	•							•								•		
Tourmaline Surfing Park	•	•				•			•			•	•				•	•	
Palisades Park	•		•	•		•						•	•				•	•	
Pacific Beach Park	•		•	•		•			•			•	•				•	•	
Crystal Pier									•				•						
Pacific Beach	•		•	•		•			•				•				•	•	

VIEWPOINTS: *W. of Chelsea Ave., La Jolla.* An overlook is at the end of Chelsea Place; a narrow, rocky beach lies below. Blufftop viewpoints are also at the ends of Forward and Midway streets.

CALUMET PARK: *W. of Calumet Ave., between Midway St. and Colima Ct., La Jolla.* A landscaped park is on the bluff, with benches and paved paths. At the north end of the park, an unimproved path can be used to scramble down to the cobble beach. On-street parking only.

- Picnic area

VIEWPOINT: *W. of Calumet Ave., opposite end of Bandera St., La Jolla.* A short dirt path leads to an ocean overlook; no beach access. Very limited on-street parking.

STAIRWAY TO BEACH: *Seaward of Sea Ridge Dr., opposite Linda Way, La Jolla.* A stairway leads to a cobble beach; a sandy beach is adjacent. On-street parking only.

TOURMALINE SURFING PARK: *W. of La Jolla Blvd., at the end of Tourmaline St., La Jolla.* The beach-level, no-fee parking lot has 103 spaces. Lifeguards are on duty daily, year round. Call: 619-235-1169.

- Picnicking
- Surfing
- Windsurfing

PALISADES PARK: *W. of Ocean Blvd., between Loring St. and Law St., Pacific Beach.* Landscaped blufftop park,

with paths and stairs to the beach. On-street parking.

- Picnic area near intersection of Ocean Blvd. and Law Street

PACIFIC BEACH PARK: *W. of Ocean Blvd., from Diamond St. to Thomas Ave., Pacific Beach.* Landscaped Pacific Beach Park, incorporating a paved path, benches, and palm trees, is inland of the beach. At the north end of the park the path is atop a low bluff; at the south end the path is at beach level. Stairs to the beach are at Diamond and Felspar streets. On-street parking.

CRYSTAL PIER: *End of Garnet Ave., Pacific Beach.* The far end of the pier is open for public fishing, 8 AM–sunset. A fishing license is required; frozen bait is available for sale but no other supplies. No public restrooms are

on the pier. Call: 1-800-748-5894.

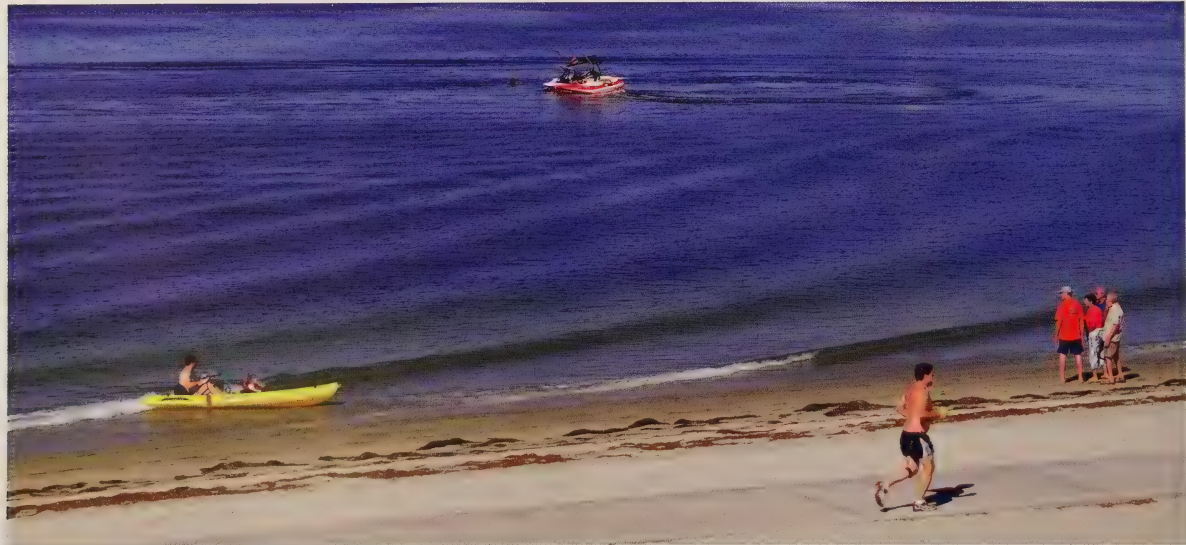
- Cottages on the pier provide overnight lodging over the water

PACIFIC BEACH: *W. of Mission Blvd., from La Jolla to Mission Beach.* The long, sandy beach has separate swimming and surfing sections. Lifeguards are on duty daily, year round. A beach wheelchair is available at the life-guard headquarters at Grand Ave.; call: 619-221-8899.

- Leashed dogs are allowed on Pacific Beach before 9 AM and after 6 PM (4 PM from November through March). Restrooms are at the end of Grand Ave. and in the median of Pacific Beach Drive. Mostly on-street parking.
- Swimming
- Surfing
- Paved promenade for pedestrians, skaters, and bicyclists parallels the beach



View from Palisades Park



Riviera Shores near Moorland Drive

San Diego County
Mission Beach and
Mission Bay West

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Mission Beach	•	•	•		•				•				•	•		•	•	•	
Sail Bay and Riviera Shores	•		•	•		•	•			•							•	•	
Santa Clara Point	•					•							•				•	•	
Mission Bay Sports Center							•										•	•	•
El Carmel Point	•	•				•											•	•	
Ventura Cove	•												•	•			•	•	
Bonita Cove	•				•					•			•	•			•	•	
Sunset Point									•				•	•			•	•	
Quivira Basin							•	•	•				•			•	•	•	
Dana Landing	•					•							•			•	•	•	•
Vacation Isle	•												•	•			•	•	
Ski Beach					•	•							•				•	•	

MISSION BEACH: *W. of Mission Blvd., S. of Pacific Beach Blvd., San Diego.* Beach access is at street ends. No-fee parking lots north and south of Belmont Park fill up quickly on summer days. A manually operated beach wheelchair is at the lifeguard station at Ventura Place. Two motorized wheelchairs are also available during limited hours; call: 619-525-8247. Leashed dogs are allowed on the beach before 9 AM and after 6 PM (4 PM from November through March).

- Swimming beach
- Paved promenade runs along the shore
- Belmont Park features amusement park rides and arcades

SAIL BAY AND RIVIERA SHORES: *S. of Pacific Beach Dr. between Mission Blvd. and Riviera Dr., Mission Bay.* Paved Bayside Walk follows the beach from W. Mission Bay



Mission Beach at Belmont Park

Dr. around Sail Bay; pedestrian access is from street ends, Santa Clara Pl., and El Carmel Place. Access to Riviera Shores beach is via ramps or stairs at 3862 and 3750 Riviera Dr. and from Riviera Dr. at Moorland Dr.; on-street parking only.

- Picnic area is at Fanuel Street Park

SANTA CLARA POINT: *E. of Mission Blvd. at Santa Clara Pl., Mission Bay.* One-lane concrete boat launch, dock, and water-ski takeoff area.

- Picnic areas
- Tennis courts
- Baseball field
- Recreation center

MISSION BAY SPORTS CENTER: *1010 Santa Clara Pl., Mission Bay.* Rentals of kayaks, sailboats, motor boats, and recreational gear; call: 858-488-1004.

- Youth camps offered in paddle sports

EL CARMEL POINT: *E. of Mission Blvd. at El Carmel Pl., Mission Bay.* Beaches with parking west of the Mission Bay Yacht Club are open to the public.

- Small boat launch

VENTURA COVE: *W. Mission Bay Dr. at Gleason Rd., Mission Bay.* Sandy beach with summer lifeguard service; picnic tables.

BONITA COVE: *W. Mission Bay Dr. at Mariners Way, Mission Bay.* Swimming beach and picnic area.

SUNSET POINT: *N. of Mission Bay Dr., end of Dana Landing Rd., Mission Bay.* Picnic area.

- Fishing

QUIVIRA BASIN: *S. of Mission Bay Dr. at Quivira Rd., Mission Bay.* Several marinas with guest boat slips and boating services are at Quivira Basin. Mission Bay Park Headquarters is at 2581 Quivira Ct.; call: 619-221-8800. Nearby Hospitality Point has picnic areas.

- Sport-fishing and whale-watching excursions

DANA LANDING: *N. of Mission Bay Dr., at Dana Landing Rd., Mission Bay.* Launch ramp and several marinas are available.

VACATION ISLE: *W. of Ingraham St. at Vacation Rd., Mission Bay.* On the west side is a beach and picnic area.

- At Model Yacht Pond enthusiasts operate model sailboats and powerboats

SKI BEACH: *E. of Ingraham St. at Vacation Rd., Mission Bay.* Water-ski takeoff and landing area and four-lane concrete boat launch.

- Picnic areas
- Volleyball courts



Crown Point Shores

San Diego County

Mission Bay East and Old Town San Diego

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Crown Point Shores	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•				•	•	
Campland on the Bay	•				•	•		•		•	•		•	•			•	•	•
De Anza Cove	•	•	•	•	•	•											•	•	
Visitor Information Center										•	•		•	•			•	•	•
Playa Pacifica	•	•	•		•	•							•	•			•	•	
Tecolote Shores North			•	•		•				•			•	•			•	•	
Fiesta Island	•	•	•	•			•	•		•							•	•	
South Shores Park						•						•	•				•	•	
SeaWorld San Diego							•				•	•	•	•			•	•	•
Old Town San Diego State Historic Park										•	•	•	•				•	•	•

CROWN POINT SHORES:

E. of Crown Point Dr., Mission Bay. Landscaped picnic areas; paved Bayside Walk follows the beach.

- Basketball courts
- Swimming beach with summer lifeguard service

CAMPLAND ON THE BAY:

2211 Pacific Beach Dr. off Olney St., Mission Bay. Privately operated RV and tent campground features a marina, beach, swimming pools, and skate park. Call: 858-581-4200.

DE ANZA COVE: *3000 E. Mission Bay Dr., Mission Bay.* Spacious lawns and picnic areas.

- Swimming beach
- Boat launch at southeast end of cove
- Mission Bay RV Resort on De Anza Rd. has a swimming beach; call: 877-219-6900
- Mission Bay Golf Course is at 2702 N. Mission Bay Dr.; call: 858-581-7880

VISITOR INFORMATION CENTER:

2688 E. Mission Bay Dr., Mission Bay. Take the Clairemont Dr. exit from Hwy. I-5; lodging information, tickets to area attractions, and gift shop. Call: 619-276-8200.

- Basketball courts and playground are adjacent

PLAYA PACIFICA: *Off E. Mission Bay Dr., S. of the Visitor Information Center, Mission Bay.* The park includes a

sandy beach, tree-shaded lawns, and picnic areas.

- Swimming beach
- Kayak launch

TECOLOTE SHORES NORTH:

Off E. Mission Bay Dr., S. of the Hilton Hotel, Mission Bay. Picnic areas, lawns, and a playground designed for children with physical disabilities.

FIESTA ISLAND: *Fiesta Island Rd. off E. Mission Bay Dr., Mission Bay.* The island features natural grass-land and dune habitat. Water-ski and personal watercraft areas are designated near Fiesta Island; for information, contact Lifeguard Services at 2581 Quivira Ct. or call: 619-221-8899.

- Dogs are allowed off-leash
- Youth Aquatic Center conducts boating programs for groups; call: 619-298-6121
- City of San Diego offers camping for youth groups; call: 619-235-1169

SOUTH SHORES PARK: *Sea World Dr. between Sea World and Hwy. I-5, Mission Bay.* Boat launch ramp and parking area, where boat owners may leave vehicles for up to 72 hours while out on their boats. Very limited parking for vehicles without boat trailers. No camping.

SEAWORLD SAN DIEGO: *Sea World Dr., Mission Bay.* Theme park offers shows by dolphins and orcas and a close-up look at

sharks, rays, and other marine animals. Amusement park rides, snack bars, gift shops, and fireworks displays. Most facilities are wheelchair accessible; wheelchairs and strollers are available for rent. Open daily, but hours vary seasonally; see: www.seaworldparks.com.

- Marina facilities are at adjacent Perez Cove

OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK:

San Diego Ave. at Twiggs St., San Diego. The site of California's first Spanish settlement has original adobe homes, including the Casa de Estudillo, and features restaurants, shops, and a visitor center in the Robinson-Rose House. Visitor center and museums are open daily, 10 AM–5 PM (4 PM in winter); call: 619-220-5422.



Fiesta Island



San Diego County

Ocean Beach to Point Loma

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Bike Path			•	•					•										
Famosa Slough			•						•									•	
Robb Field										•			•	•			•	•	
Dog Beach	•		•	•						•			•	•			•	•	
Ocean Beach Park	•	•			•				•				•				•	•	
Ocean Beach Municipal Fishing Pier									•				•	•			•	•	•
Ocean Beach City Beaches	•	•							•	•								•	
Sunset Cliffs Natural Park	•	•	•	•					•								•	•	
Cabrillo National Monument		•	•						•		•	•	•	•			•	•	•

BIKE PATH: *S. side of San Diego River channel, San Diego.* Path extends from Dog Beach along the San Diego River into Mission Valley; use the Sunset Cliffs Blvd. bridge to reach Mission Bay Park. A separate bike route on the north river bank connects with Friars Road.

FAMOSA SLOUGH: *Off W. Pt. Loma Blvd. at Famosa Blvd., San Diego.* Short trails along the marsh are on both sides of W. Pt. Loma Boulevard. On-street parking.

- Look for northern pintail ducks, blue-winged teals, and northern shovelers in winter

ROBB FIELD: *End of Bacon St., off W. Point Loma Blvd., San Diego.* Athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, and a skateboard park.

- Across Sunset Cliffs Blvd. is Dusty Rhodes Park

DOG BEACH: *W. end of Voltaire St., off W. Point Loma Blvd., Ocean Beach.* Off-leash dog-exercise area with a large parking lot. Call: 619-235-1169.

OCEAN BEACH PARK: *Abbott St. at Santa Monica Ave., Ocean Beach.* Wide sandy beach, sometimes subject to rip currents; use care in the water. Separate areas are designated for swimming and surfing. For recorded surf conditions, call: 619-221-8824. A beach wheelchair is at the lifeguard station; call: 619-221-8899. Parking is at Santa



Old Point Loma Lighthouse

Monica and Newport avenues.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Picnicking
- Shore fishing

OCEAN BEACH MUNICIPAL FISHING PIER: *End of Niagara Ave., Ocean Beach.* The 1,971-foot-long pier has fish cleaning stations and a bait shop. No license is required to fish from the pier, although catch limits apply. Open 24 hours a day. Parking is at the foot of the pier.

- The far end of the pier extends over kelp beds where anglers catch kelp bass, bonito, and halibut

OCEAN BEACH CITY BEACHES: *Between Ocean Beach Pier and the end of Bermuda Ave., Ocean Beach.* Pocket beaches are reached by stairs at Narragansett, Santa Cruz, Orchard, and Bermuda avenues and a ramp at Cable Street. A small parking lot is at Del Monte Avenue.

SUNSET CLIFFS NATURAL PARK: *Along Sunset Cliffs Blvd., from Adair St. to .3 mi. S. of Ladera St., Ocean Beach.* High sandstone cliffs overlook pocket beaches. Small parking lots are near Osprey St., good for sunset watching. Stairs to a rock shelf are at the end of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. A dirt parking lot is at Ladera St. and Cornish Dr.; steep trails lead to beaches.

CABRILLO NATIONAL MONUMENT: *S. end of Cabrillo Memorial Dr., Point Loma.* The visitor center is high on the peninsula; use Cabrillo Rd. to reach rocky shore overlooks. Open daily, 9 AM–5 PM; call: 619-557-5450.

- Self-guided nature trail
- Grand views of San Diego
- Old Point Loma Lighthouse, no longer in use, is open to visitors (not wheelchair accessible)



Shelter Island Shoreline Park

San Diego County

San Diego Harbor

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
La Playa	•	•							•								•		
Shelter Island Yacht Basin						•										•	•		
Shelter Island Shoreline Park	•	•	•	•		•			•			•	•			•	•		
America's Cup Harbor						•	•	•									•		
Point Loma International Youth Hostel												•				•	•	•	•
Spanish Landing Park	•		•	•				•				•	•			•	•		
Harbor Island		•	•	•		•			•			•	•			•	•		

LA PLAYA: *W. shoreline of Shelter Island Yacht Basin, San Diego.* A narrow strip of sandy beach and adjacent trail can be reached from Rosecrans St. at the ends of Talbot and Bessemer streets. Additional access to the bay's edge is at the ends of Perry, Owen, McCall, Lawrence, and Kellogg streets. Limited on-street parking.

SHELTER ISLAND YACHT BASIN: *E. of Rosecrans St. and S. of Shelter Island Dr., San Diego.* Shelter Island is home to yacht clubs, hotels, restaurants, mooring for almost 2,000 small craft, and a wide range of boating facilities. For guest boat slip information, call: 619-686-6227.

SHELTER ISLAND SHORELINE PARK: *Along Shelter Island Dr., San Diego.* The landscaped shoreline has picnic areas, parking, and a paved, mile-long wheelchair-accessible path. For information about this and other port of San Diego facilities, call: 619-686-6200.

- Ten-lane boat launch ramp, open 24 hours, is south of the traffic circle on Shelter Island Drive
- Sandy bay beach is next to the launch ramp
- A fishing pier provides anglers a chance to catch sand bass, calico bass, jacksmelt, croakers, halibut, and several species of sharks and rays
- Public viewing area with metered parking is at the corner of Shelter Island Dr. and Anchorage Lane

AMERICA'S CUP HARBOR: *E. of Rosecrans St., N. of Shelter Island Dr., San Diego.* Home to a commercial fishing fleet. Sport-fishing and whale-watching vendors include Pt. Loma Sport Fishing at 1403 Scott St. (619-223-1627), Fishermen's Landing at 2838 Garrison St. (619-221-8500), and H&M Landing at 2803 Emerson St. (619-222-1144).

POINT LOMA INTERNATIONAL YOUTH HOSTEL: *3790 Udall St., San Diego.* Shared and private rooms; family rooms also available. Breakfast and linens included; community kitchen, laundry, garden, and barbe-cue are on site. Open daily, 8 AM–10 PM. Call: 619-223-4778.

SPANISH LANDING PARK: *On the San Diego Bay side of N. Harbor Dr., W. of Harbor Island Dr., San Diego.* A linear park

- with paved shoreline path, picnic areas, and parking.
- Sandy bay beach at west end
- HARBOR ISLAND:** *Along Harbor Island Dr., San Diego.* The south side of Harbor Island has a two-mile-long wheelchair-accessible path with benches and landscaping. A small grassy park with off-street parking is near the west end of Harbor Island Drive. The north side of Harbor Island, facing the airport, is lined with marinas that can accommodate about 1,000 vessels; some marinas have guest berths or moorings. A fuel dock and a sanitary pumpout station are located at Harbor Island West, 2040 Harbor Island Dr.; call: 619-291-6443. Other facilities include hotels, restaurants, shops, and boating services.
- Shore fishing



View of San Diego Bay from Harbor Island



Embarcadero



San Diego County

San Diego Downtown

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor's Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Embarcadero			•	•		•						•	•			•		•	
Maritime Museum of San Diego						•				•	•					•	•	•	
Cruise Ship Terminal						•				•		•	•			•			
Broadway Pier				•			•	•				•	•				•		
San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum										•						•	•	•	•
Tuna Harbor Park				•								•	•			•	•	•	
Seaport Village											•	•	•			•	•	•	
Embarcadero Marina Park—North and South			•	•				•				•	•			•	•	•	
Hostelling International San Diego Downtown												•				•	•		•
Cesar Chavez Park										•		•	•			•	•		

EMBARCADERO: *Along Harbor Dr., W. of downtown San Diego.*

A paved promenade runs along the waterfront; restaurants and shops are nearby.

- Pedicabs provide rides to visitors
- Harbor-cruise and whale-watching vendors include San Diego Harbor Excursions (619-234-4111) and Hornblower Harbor Cruises (619-686-8715); ticket offices are 100 feet north of Broadway Pier

MARITIME MUSEUM OF SAN DIEGO: *1492 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego.* The museum comprises a collection of historic ships, including the steamship *Berkeley*, the steam yacht *Medea*, and the sailing ship *Star of India*. Onboard the ships are permanent and changing exhibits about maritime history, sailing ships, steamships, and pirates. Open daily, year round, 9 AM–8 PM; until 9 PM from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Call: 619-234-9153.



San Diego Aircraft Carrier Museum

CRUISE SHIP TERMINAL: *B St. Pier, San Diego.* Cruise ships depart the B St. Pier for Mexico, Hawaii, and the South Pacific. Only passengers are allowed in the terminal.

- Visitor information center is next to the B St. Pier

BROADWAY PIER: *Foot of Broadway, San Diego.* Public access for bay viewing is allowed except when cruise ships are docked at the pier. The 26-mile Bayshore Bikeway follows the perimeter of San Diego Bay, starting via the pedestrian ferry to Coronado then following the signed route south; for information, call: 511.

SAN DIEGO AIRCRAFT CARRIER MUSEUM: *Navy Pier, 910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego.* The aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Midway* is open for tours. Restored aircraft are on view. The flight deck, restrooms, and some exhibits are wheelchair accessible. Gift shop and café. Fee for entry, but upon

request, escorted visitors may go without charge to the flight deck only; call: 619-544-9600.

TUNA HARBOR PARK: *Foot of W. G St., San Diego.* Landscaped park with metered parking. The adjacent G Street Pier is for the commercial fishing fleet.

SEAPORT VILLAGE: *849 W. Harbor Dr. at Kettner Blvd., San Diego.* Shops, restaurants, and a vintage wooden carousel. Open daily; call: 619-235-4014.

EMBARCADERO MARINA PARK—NORTH AND SOUTH: *End of Marina Park Way, San Diego.* The northern arm of the park is at the foot of Kettner Blvd.; the southern arm of the park is reached via Park Boulevard. Lawns, picnic tables, and a paved perimeter path. A port of San Diego park; call: 619-686-6200.

- Basketball courts, fishing pier, and snack bar are at the south park

HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN: *521 Market St., San Diego.* Rooms available for individuals, families, and groups. Breakfast included; community kitchen, laundry, and lockers available. Open 24 hours; call: 619-525-1531.

CESAR CHAVEZ PARK: *Foot of Cesar E. Chavez Parkway, San Diego.* Lawns, picnic tables, and an observation pier; for information, call: 619-686-6200.



Coronado City Beach



San Diego County

Coronado

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Bay View Park																			
Harbor View Park																			
Centennial Park																			
Ferry Landing																			
Coronado Tidelands Regional Park																			
Coronado Municipal Golf Course																			
Coronado City Beach																			
Coronado Shores Beach																			
Glorietta Bay Marina																			
Coronado Aquatics Center																			
Glorietta Bay Park																			

BAY VIEW PARK: *End of I Ave. at 1st St., Coronado.* Small landscaped park; on-street parking. Call: 619-522-7300.

- Views of the San Diego skyline

HARBOR VIEW PARK: *End of E Ave. at 1st St., Coronado.* Short path and bay overlook. No facilities.

CENTENNIAL PARK: *End of Orange Ave. at 1st St., Coronado.* Paved promenade to and along the bay. For information, call: 619-522-7300.

FERRY LANDING: *End of B Ave. at 1st St., Coronado.* The ferry pier, where pedestrians and bicyclists embark for the Broadway Pier in San Diego, doubles as a fishing pier.

- Small sandy beach is adjacent
- Bicycle rentals are available from many vendors near the Ferry Landing and along Orange Avenue

CORONADO TIDELANDS REGIONAL PARK: *End of Mullinix Dr., off Glorietta Blvd., Coronado.* Ample lawns with picnic areas and ball fields. Leashed dogs are allowed in the park on paved areas only.

- Kayak launch spot
- Coronado Skatepark has concrete bowls, ramps, and jumps; for information, call: 619-708-8341
- Bayshore Bikeway passes through the park

CORONADO MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE: *2000 Visalia Row, off Glorietta Blvd., Coronado.* The 18-hole golf course overlooks Glorietta Bay; call: 619-435-3121.

- Pro shop, driving range, and practice bunker
- Club and cart rentals
- Coronado Tennis Center is adjacent at 1501 Glorietta Blvd.; call: 619-522-7342

CORONADO CITY BEACH: *W. of Ocean Blvd., Coronado.* Very wide sandy beach. Ask at the lifeguard station for a manual or motorized beach wheelchair, or call: 619-522-7346. The far north end of the beach is a dog exercise area for pets under voice command.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Beach volleyball north of the Hotel Del Coronado

CORONADO SHORES BEACH: *Seaward of Coronado Shores Condominiums on Hwy. 75, Coronado.* A wheelchair-accessible concrete promenade runs along a seawall; there is a no-fee parking area at the end of Avenida de las Arenas with a ramp to the oceanfront promenade. Fee parking lots are next to the Hotel Del Coronado.

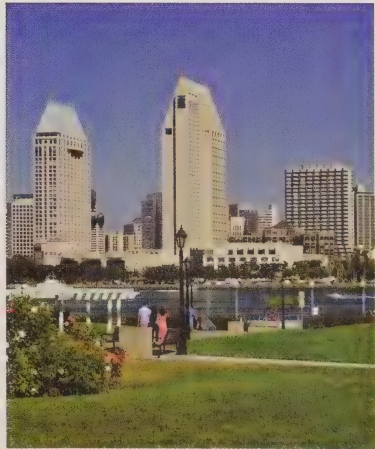
GLORIETTA BAY MARINA: *1715 Strand Way, Coronado.* The Glorietta Bay Marina

accommodates 100 boats and has pumpout facilities; for use of a guest slip, call: 619-435-5203.

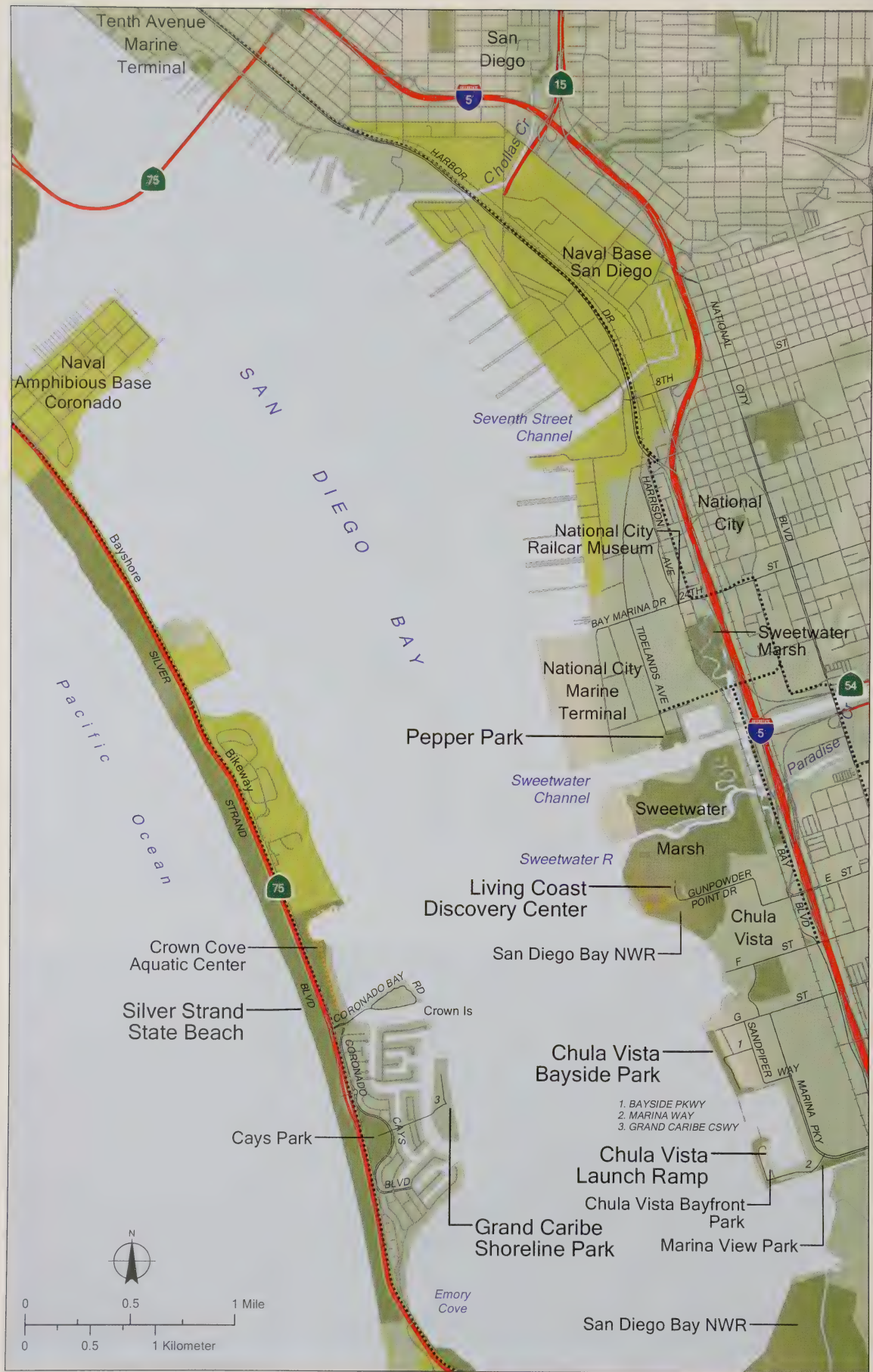
CORONADO AQUATICS CENTER: *1845 Strand Way, Coronado.* Municipal swimming pool, open to the public; call: 619-522-2464. A gymnasium with a climbing wall, fitness center, and courts for basketball, volleyball, and badminton is adjacent.

GLORIETTA BAY PARK: *1875 Strand Way, Coronado.* The landscaped park with paths and picnic areas shares an entrance off Strand Way with the Coronado Community Center, opposite Avenida de las Arenas.

- Boat launch ramp is adjacent; for information, contact the Harbor Police: 619-686-6272



Centennial Park





San Diego County

South San Diego Bay

	Sandy Beach	Rocky Shore	Trail	Bicycle Trail	Campground	Beach Shower	Boating Facilities	Wildlife Viewing	Fishing	Dog Friendly	Children's Playground	Visitor Center	Historic Structure	Facilities for Disabled	Easy for Strollers	Food or Drink	Restrooms	Parking	Fee
Pepper Park							•		•		•		•		•	•	•		
Living Coast Discovery Center			•						•		•		•				•	•	
Chula Vista Bayside Park			•	•	•		•	•					•	•			•	•	
Chula Vista Launch Ramp						•				•			•	•			•	•	
Grand Caribe Shoreline Park							•	•					•				•		
Silver Strand State Beach	•		•	•	•	•			•				•	•			•	•	•

PEPPER PARK: *S. end of Tidelands, Ave., National City.* Landscaped picnic area; eight-lane boat launching ramp and landing dock. Parking area is open 6:30 AM–9:00 PM; for information, call: 619-686-6200.

- Fishing pier is lighted for night use
- Pier 32 Marina is adjacent; call: 1-800-729-7547
- The National City Railcar Museum is nearby, at Bay Marina Dr. and Harrison Avenue

LIVING COAST DISCOVERY CENTER: *Foot of E St., within Sweetwater Marsh, Chula Vista.* Aquariums and exhibits depict coastal habitats of southern California; a touch tank houses sharks and rays. Visitors park off-site in the free lot at E St. and Bay Blvd. in Chula Vista; a shuttle to the Nature Center runs every 10–15 minutes. The shuttle accommodates strollers and wheelchairs. Alternatively, take the San Diego Trolley to the nearby E Street Station and call the Discovery Center for a shuttle pickup. Open daily, 10 AM–4 PM; call: 619-409-5900. Sweetwater Marsh and the south end of San Diego Bay together make up the 2,620-acre San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge complex.

- Native plant garden
- Picnic areas and gift shop
- Loop trail with views of Sweetwater Marsh
- Guided nature walks
- Walk-through aviaries typically contain shorebirds, ducks, and hawks

CHULA VISTA BAYSIDE PARK: *End of Bayside Pkwy., Chula Vista.* Landscaped picnic areas with bay views; Marina View Park is adjacent. A paved bicycle path runs along the shore. Call: 619-686-6200. Marina facilities include the Chula Vista Marina (619-862-2835) and the California Yacht Marina (619-422-2595). The Chula Vista RV resort is nearby; call: 619-862-2835.

CHULA VISTA LAUNCH RAMP: *W. end of Marina Way, off Marina Parkway, Chula Vista.* Public boat launch ramp is open from 6:00 AM to 10:30 PM. Call: 619-686-6200. Landscaped Chula Vista Bayfront Park is adjacent.

GRAND CARIBE SHORELINE PARK: *End of Grand Caribe Causeway, off Coronado Cays Blvd., Coronado.* Small landscaped park has paths and spacious views. On-street parking.

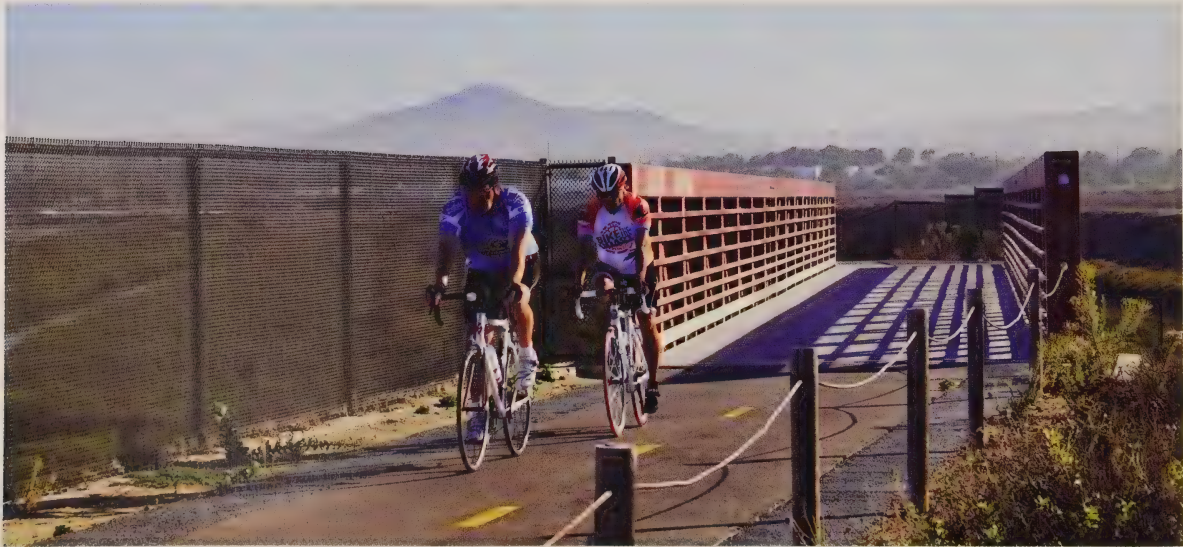
- Kayak launch spot

SILVER STRAND STATE BEACH: *5000 Hwy. 75, Coronado.* Very large sandy beach with sheltered picnic areas and ample parking. Beach wheelchairs are at the lifeguard station. Additional picnic areas and the paved Crown Cove Trail are on the bay side of Hwy. 75. Park gates open at 8 AM; closing time varies seasonally from 7 PM to 9 PM. Call: 619-435-5184.

- Swimming
- Surfing
- Kitesurfing allowed near the southernmost parking area
- No-reservation camping in self-contained RVs is allowed at northernmost parking area
- Crown Cove Aquatic Center on the bay side offers programs in boating safety and aquatic recreational sports; call: 619-575-6176



Sailing instruction, Crown Cove Aquatic Center



Bayshore Bikeway near 13th Street, Imperial Beach



San Diego County

Imperial Beach to Mexico

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San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge							•	•	•										
Bayshore Bikeway		•	•				•										•		
Imperial Beach	•								•			•	•			•	•	•	
Imperial Beach Pier								•		•		•	•			•	•	•	
Tijuana Estuary Visitor Center		•					•			•	•	•	•			•	•		
Dairy Mart Ponds		•					•										•		
Tijuana River Valley Regional Park		•					•			•		•				•	•		
Border Field State Park	•	•						•	•							•	•	•	

SAN DIEGO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: *S. end of San Diego Bay.* Wetlands, salt ponds, and open-water areas where fishing and boating are allowed; views are available at a north-bound pullout, signed as the South Bay Biological Study Area, on Hwy. 75 north of Imperial Beach. For information about the San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge, call: 619-476-9150.

BAYSHORE BIKEWAY: *Around San Diego Bay, from downtown San Diego to Imperial Beach.* The 26-mile-long route circles San Diego Bay, much of it separate from city streets. One place to gain access to the bikeway is at the north end of 13th St. in Imperial Beach, where there is parking. Call: 511.

IMPERIAL BEACH: *W. of Seacoast Dr., from Carnation Ave. to S. end of Seacoast Dr., Imperial Beach.* Street ends south of Palm Ave. lead to the wide beach. Portwood Pier Plaza at the foot of Evergreen Ave. has lawns and colorful public art including surfboard-shaped sculpture and benches. Scattered small parking lots are available plus on-street parking. To reserve a motorized beach wheelchair, call: 619-685-7972. For recorded surf report, call: 619-595-3954.

- Swimming
- Surfing

IMPERIAL BEACH PIER: *Foot of Evergreen Ave., Imperial Beach.* The 1,853-foot-long wooden pier has fish-cleaning stations and is

wheelchair accessible although bumpy. A small fee parking lot is at the end of Elm Avenue.

- Pier fishing

TIJUANA ESTUARY VISITOR CENTER: *3rd St. and Caspian Way, Imperial Beach.* Exhibits about the resources of the Tijuana Estuary, native plant garden, and foot trails (some open to dogs on leash). The visitor center is open Wed.–Sun., 10 AM–5 PM (closed holidays); paths are open daily, dawn to dusk. Call: 619-575-3613. Additional trails into the Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge start at Tijuana River Valley Regional Park and Border Field State Park; there is no bridge across the mouth of the Tijuana River.

- Docent-led nature walks
- Binoculars available to borrow

DAIRY MART PONDS: *S. of Hwy. I-5, both sides of Dairy Mart Rd., San Diego.* Hiking trails ring

freshwater ponds; shoulder parking. Call: 619-428-2946.

TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY REGIONAL PARK: 2721 Monument Rd., San Diego. Trail maps available at 2721 Monument Rd.; call: 619-428-2946. Visitor center and equestrian staging area are at 2310 Hollister Street.

- Hiking
- Horseback riding

BORDER FIELD STATE PARK: *W. end of Monument Rd., San Diego.* A mostly undeveloped park. Low-lying access roads are often flooded; before a visit, call: 619-575-3613.

- Picnic area at Monument Mesa
- Hiking
- Horseback riding



Surfing competition, Imperial Beach



Kayakers at La Jolla Cove

AFTERWORD

THIS REVISED GUIDE is accurate to the best of our knowledge. All accessways were visited, and all information was verified using sources such as Local Coastal Programs, which were prepared by local governments in compliance with the Coastal Act of 1976. We also incorporated into this updated edition the comments and corrections supplied by various agencies and members of the public who contacted us regarding the information in earlier editions.

Nevertheless, we are aware that conditions on the coast are constantly changing and that inaccuracies may still exist in the text.

If you think something is incorrect or has been omitted, please let us know. The Commission intends to publish revised guides in the future and would therefore appreciate any additional information you can provide. Please remember, however, that the guide includes only those beaches that are managed for public use.

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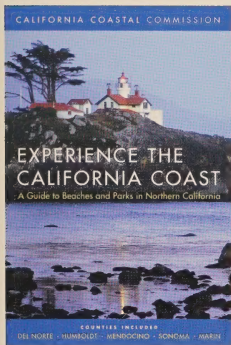
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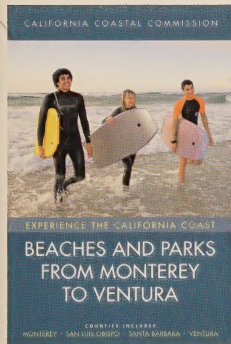
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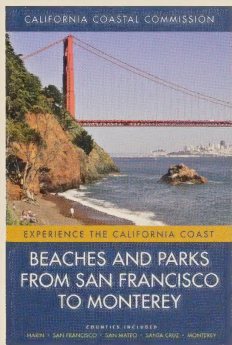
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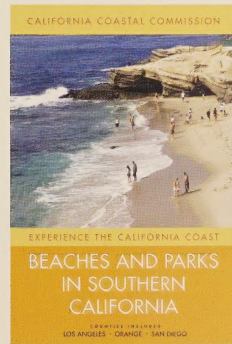
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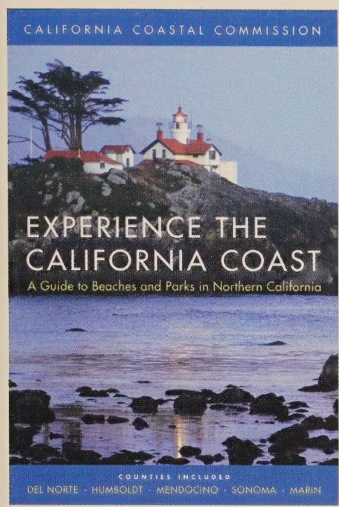
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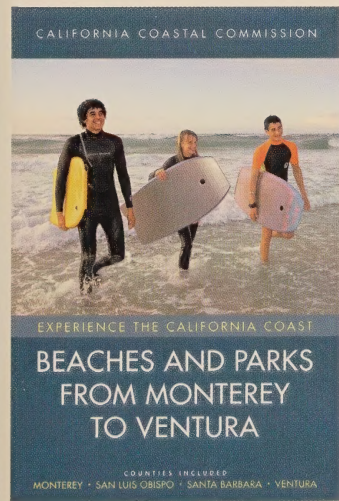
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